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PREFACE

The Guide to the County Archives of Indiana, of which this volume for Blackford County constitutes a part, was prepared for the primary purpose of furnishing officials, students of history, and the citizens of the community with a convenient tool for their use in consulting the county records. It is also hoped the information contained in these volumes will encourage the public in general to take a greater interest in better measures. It is hoped the information presented herein concerning the present housing and care of records and accomodations for persons, who may wish to consult them, will prove to have value for officials and the general citizenry.

The inventory of records was made during the period May 25 to July 3, 1936, under supervision of S.J. Kagan, State Director; Harry M. Williams, District Supervisor; and Roy M. Bates, District Research Editor. The field workers were Valdo Wilkerson and William Gardener, both of Fort Wayne. Cooperation was given by the county and Works Progress Administration officials to make this survey successful.

It is the intention of the editors to present a complete, concise picture of the records in bibliographical form. The inventory is preceded with a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts forming the basis for the records. The entries of the inventory are carried in consecutive numbering for the entire county, while the departments are arranged in alphabetical order. Where it is applicable natural groupings under a subject heading are made within the office. A cross reference index following the inventory is intended to help the reader locate records with the least effort.

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HISTORY

Blackford County is one of the smallest counties in Indiana, measuring only thirteen miles on each side, containing 169 square miles.

It lies sixty miles northeast of Indianapolis, and is bounded on the north by Wells, on the east by Jay, on the south by Delaware and on the west by Grant Counties.

Indiana statutes as corrected give the following boundaries; "Beginning at the northwest cornor of section number five in township number twenty-four, range number twelve east; thence west on the south boundary of Wells County, to the east boundary of Grant County; thence south with the eastern boundary of said county, to the north boundary of Delaware County, thence east to the northeast corner of section eight, township twenty-two, range twelve east; thence north on the nearest section line, to the place of beginning." (Laws of Indiana, 1837-38, and Revised Statutes of Indiana, 1842-43.)

The County is divided into the following townships: Harrison, Jackson, Licking and Washington. The incorporated towns, besides Hartford City, are Montpelier, and Dunkirk. A part of the latter town lies in Jay County.

Before white people came within the present confines of this county the peaceful Potawatami Indians lived and hunted over its pleasant, gently rolling surface. No information is recorded of a struggle between the two races, in fact, the best proof of their habitation is a burying grounds from which several Indian relics have been taken.

Benjamin Reasoner, Sr., made the first land entry on July 9, 1831, of a tract in the southwest corner of Licking Township. Later on he brought his family from Ohio and they may be considered as the first settlers. In 1837 a colony of emigrants came from Vermont and under Abel Baldwin laid out Montpelier in 1839. The name is taken from the capital of their native state.

A notable sale of land took place February 2, 1836, when the Indian chief, Francis Godfrey, who lived in another county sold to three men from New York City his tract of twenty-five hundred and sixty acres on the Salomonie River in Blackford County which had been granted to him by the treaty of St. Mary's in 1818.

The area of Blackford County had been the western part of Jay County since its establishment three years before, except for the southern tier of sections taken from Delaware County. There were two organizing acts, the first dated February 15, 1838. No action was taken and a second act was passed January 29, 1839. An old settler of Jay County had this to say of the new county, "It is nothing but a big swamp anyhow." The name selected was that of Judge Isaac Blackford, one of the first members of Indiana's Supreme Court, whose long service lasted 35 years.

Settlers came slowly because the land was comparatively isolated. It was, however, very productive in agriculture, and has essentially remained an area of farming, fruit growing, and stock raising.

Eli Rigdon, Jacob Shroyer and Joseph Streeter constituted the first Board of Commissioners, and Jacob Brugh was Auditor, Clerk, and Recorder. The Commissioners first met May 20, 1839, at the home of Andrew Boggs near the southern boundary of Hartford. Their earliest deliberations concerned petitions for roads.

There was a conflict between the citizens of Hartford and Montpelier for the county seat. This entry appears without date in the minutes of the Commissioner's Record: "It was ordered by the board that all proceedings held in the contest of the location of the county seat of Blackford County be dismissed and set aside as null and forever void by the Commissioners of Blackford County.

Hartford was then owned by John Hodge, James Russey, and John Trimble, all of Muncie, who had their land surveyed with the intention of donating it for the county seat. On June 10, 1841, it was officially accepted. The name has since been changed to Hartford City.

For a time court was held at the homes and shops of the constituents. The jurymen deliberated out in the open. The first case on record in the Civil Circuit Court was brought from Fayette County and was dated May 6, 1839. The first local case was the State vs. Jacob Geer, charged with "betting". The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined twenty-five cents. The first land sale entered upon the records was that of Peter Olom and wife to Amazio Beason in 1839.

On October 31, 1845, the first courthouse, a brick building of two stories, was ready for occupancy. It was situated in the public square. The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Railroad was completed to Hartford City in 1867, the year that town was incorporated, and the first county fair was held there in 1875.

The present courthouse was erected in 1893-94, of fireproof material and has been adequate and satisfactory.

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

The county serves as a unit for the maintenance of peace through the Sheriff; the administration of justice through the judicial circuit; the administration of welfare work through hospitals, infirmaries and poor relief systems; the administration of public works, such as highways, buildings, and drainage systems; the imposition and collection of taxes; the holding of elections; the administration, to a limited degree, of education; and the enforcement of State laws and decrees.

The General Assembly conferred upon the Blackford County Board of Commissioners powers of a local administrative character (1 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852, Ch. 20, Sec. 1). A Board of Finance has jurisdiction over financial matters (Acts 1907; Burns 61-606 [12616]). The elective board, County Council (Acts 1899; Burns 26-502 [5683]), has powers of administrative character on budget and tax levy matters. As a protection to the taxpayers of the county, the Board of Review was established and re-established (Acts 1891; Acts 1919, Burns 64-122 [14205]) to review and correct assessments; and later followed the formation of the Board of Tax Adjustments (Acts 1933; Burns 64-304). The record of the actions of the latter board are incorporated with the records affected. In 1936, the General Assembly established the Blackford County Board of Public Welfare (Acts 1936, Special Session, Burns 52-1117) with jurisdiction over all matters of a charitable character. Since the above board was established in 1936, there are, as yet, no records. A Board of Turnpike Directors was established in 1879 and abolished in 1913, the jurisdiction transferred to the County Commissioners (Acts 1879, 1913).

The constitution provides that the State shall, from time to time, be divided into judicial circuits and a Judge and prosecuting Attorney elected for each circuit (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11). The seventy-first circuit, Blackford County, was established in 1923 (Acts 1923, Burns 4-332 [1405]).

The constitution directs that there shall be elected by the people, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and Surveyor (Indiana Const., Art, 6, Sec. 2); and that such other county offices, as may be necessary, shall be elected and appointed in such manner as may be prescribed by law (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 3). In 1899, the General Assembly prescribed the appointive office of Health Commissioner (Acts 1899; Burns 26-501 [5862]) to protect and administer to the health of the people of Blackford County; in 1919, the elective office of Assessor (Acts 1919; Burns 64-1101 [14200]) to supervise assessment of property; in 1923, the appointive office of Agricultural Agent (Acts 1923; Burns 28-4911 to further agricultural progress in the county; and in 1933, the appointive office of Highway Supervisor (Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110) to supervise construction and repair of Blackford County roads.

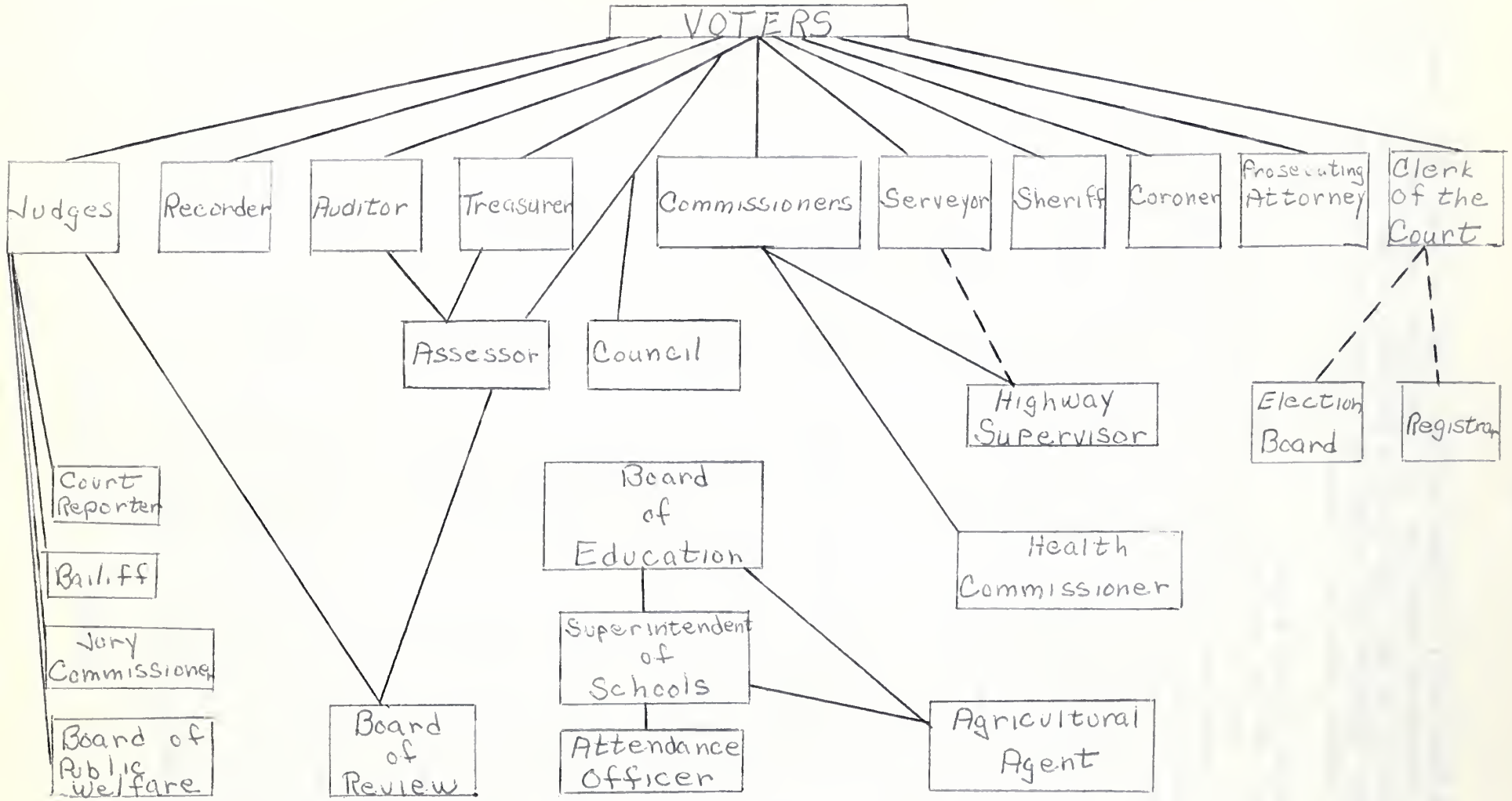
The administration of education in Blackford County (outside of municipal corporations) is under the jurisdiction of the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools (Acts 1889, 1911, 1913, and 1927; Burns 28-702 [6507]).

Between the adoption of the Constitution of 1816 and the Constitution of 1851, practically no changes were made in the form of government in

Blackford County. Following this period to the present time, changes were mainly enlargements of the government, such as creation of the above offices. The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as prescribed by the General Assembly under the provisions for each respective office.

As each office was created, the General Assembly prescribed the type of records which should be kept, in many cases listing the particular form of the page. Blackford County was allowed its own form of accounting until, in 1909, the legislature established the State Board of Accounts which formulates, prescribes, and installs a system of accounting and reporting which is uniform for every public office of the same class (Acts 1909; Burns 60-202 [12637]). Under this law, some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlaping. The law also permits the use of bound looseleaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink, binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners, except that a good quality is asked.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records for any office of Blackford County from mutilation, the Board of County Commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation (Acts 1877; Burns 26-204 [6093]). Such records so transcribed have the force and effect of the original record (Acts 1877; Burns 26-635 [6094]).



(BASIC STRUCTURE)

CHART OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION - INDIANA

The Blackford County courthouse constructed in 1893-94, of Bedford limestone and brick, measures 105' by 85' by 7 5', allowing 669,375 cubic feet in space. The building houses the offices of Agricultural Agent, Highway Supervisor, Superintendent of Schools, and Surveyor on the first floor; Auditor, Clerk, Commissioners, Recorder, and Treasurer on the second floor; Assessor and Sheriff on the third floor, There is a "bum" room on the third floor and a storage record room in the attic. The building is 95% fireproof, having fireproof vaults for the storage of about 95% of the records.

The Agricultural Agent's bureau, located in the southeast section of the first floor, measures 20' by 18' by 10', with one door 7½' by 3', and four windows 7½' by 4'. The floor is hardwood; metal ceiling; walls, plaster and wainscoting; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Four filing cabinets provide 2' of boxes, containing bound volumes, and 2' of boxes containing unbound materials. One table and four chairs provide good accommodations to users. All of the bureau's records are housed here.

The Assessor's bureau, located in the southeast corner of the third floor, measures 19 3/4' by 17½' by 16', with one door 8 3/4' by 3', and four windows 6½' and 4¼'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, plaster; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Along the west wall, there are 37' of wood shelving, all of which are occupied with bound volumes. Although it is crowded, there is ample space for expansion. One table and two desks provide good accommodations to users. Approximately 5% of the bureau's records are housed here, while 50% are in the Auditor's office, 25% are in the "bum" room and the third floor, and 20% are stored in the attic record room.

The Auditor's bureau, located in the west central section of the second floor, measures 32' by 21' by 16', with one door 9' by 3¼', one double-door 9' by 6 3/4', and four windows 6¼' by 4 3/4'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, painted plaster; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are excellent, and it is clean and dry. Along the south wall, there are 485' of shelving, all of which are occupied with bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 27' of boxes 16" deep, containing unbound materials. Although it is crowded, there is ample space for additional shelving. A front counter, three desks, and chairs provide good accommodations to users. Approximately 80% of the Auditor's records are stored here, while 20% are in the attic storage record room. There are also 50% of the Assessor's records, 80% of the Commissioners' records, and 70% of the Health Commissioner's records, housed in the office of this bureau.

The Highway Supervisor's bureau, located in the southwest section of first floor, measures 19¼' by 13¼' by 10", with one door 7' by 3', and four windows 7' by 4¼'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, plaster; all in excellent condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Along the north wall, there are

6' of steel shelving of which 4' are occupied with bound volumes. The room is not crowded, allowing plenty of space for expansion. One desk and two tables provide good accommodations to users. All of the bureau's records are housed here.

The Health Commissioner's bureau is located in the private office of Dr. E.D. Shadday, Main and Huntington Streets, Montpelier, Indiana. All records of this bureau are housed there. It is recommended that ample space and equipment be allotted for this bureau and its records in the courthouse.

The Clerk's bureau, located in the northeast corner of the second floor, comprises a main office, private office and vault. The main office measures 32' by 18', with three doors 9' by 3', and three windows 8' by 4¼'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, painted plaster, all in excellent condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Along the south wall, there are 40' of shelving, of which 30' are occupied with bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 120' of boxes 13½'' deep, occupied with unbound materials. It is not crowded, allowing ample space for expansion with new shelving. A front counter, one table, and two desks provide good accommodations to users. Approximately 15% of the bureau's records are housed here, while 5% are in the private office, 60% are stored in the vault, and 20% are housed in the "bum" room on the third floor. The private office measures 18' by 14' by 11', with two doors 9' by 3', and four windows 8' by 4¼'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, painted plaster; all in excellent condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. There is a steel cabinet containing 8' of boxes 24" deep, all occupied with unbound materials. It is not crowded, allowing plenty of space for new shelving. One table, two desks, and five chairs afford good accommodations to users. Approximately 5% of the bureau's records are stored here. The Clerk's vault measures 20' by 14' by 16', with one door 9' by 3½', and two windows 6' by 4 2/3'. The floor is tile; ceiling and walls, painted plaster; all in excellent condition. The ventillation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Along the north, south and west walls, there are 1,050' of shelving, of which 1,000' are occupied with bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 696½' of boxes 13½" deep, occupied with unbound materials. It is not crowded, allowing plenty of space for expansion. Two tables, six chairs, one desk, and a rolling ladder provide excellent accommodations to users. Approximately 60% of the bureau's records are stored here.

The Coroner's bureau houses all records in the Clerk's bureau on the second floor.

The Recorder's bureau, located in the southeast corner of the second floor, comprises a main office, private office and vault. The main office measures 57' by 24' by 16', with three doors 9' by 3', and nine windows 10' by 4'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, plaster; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Along the south wall, there are 30' of steel roller shelving, all of which are occupied with bound volumes. The room is not corwded, allowing plenty of space for expansion with new shelving. A front

counter, and three large desks afford good accommodations to users. The private office measures 24' by 21' by 16', with one door 9' by 3', and four windows 10' by 4'. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. It is not crowded, allowing ample room for expansion. Two desks and chairs afford good accommodations to users. The Recorder's vault, located to the north of the main office, measures 24' by 15' by 16', with one door 9' by 3', and two windows 10' by 4'. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Along the north wall, there are 360' of steel roller shelving, all of which are occupied with bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 25' of boxes 16" deep, containing unbound materials. A large desk and chairs provide good accommodations to users. It is not crowded, allowing ample space for expansion.

The Superintendent of Schools' bureau, located in the northeast section of the first floor, measures 31' by 17' by 10', with one door 7' by 3', and four windows 8' by 4¼'. The floor is concrete, covered with linoleum; ceiling and walls, plaster; all in excellent condition. Along the south wall, there are 3' of steel roller shelving, all of which are occupied with bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 9' of boxes 27" deep, containing unbound materials. It is not crowded, allowing ample space for new shelving. Two desks and two tables afford good accommodations to users. All of the bureau's records are housed here.

The Sheriff's bureau, located in the southeast section of the third floor, measures 22' by 18' by 18', with one door 7' by 2½', one door 9' by 3', and three windows 15' by 4¼'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, plaster; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. There are 10' of bound volumes stacked on tables and desks, while filing cabinets provide 5 3/4' of boxes 5½" deep, containing unbound materials. It is not crowded, allowing ample space for expansion. Three desks and one table provide good accommodations to users. Approximately 42% of the bureau's records are housed here, while 58% are stored in the "bum" room on the third floor.

The Surveyor's bureau, located in the southwest section of the first floor, measures 43' by 17' by 9½', with one door 9' by 3', and three windows 8' by 4'. The floor is concrete, covered with linoleum; ceiling and walls, plaster; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Under a front counter, there are 15' of open wood shelving, all of which are occupied with bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 9' of boxes 15½" deep, containing unbound materials. It is not crowded, allowing ample space for new shelving. A front counter, one table, and a desk provide good accommodations to users. All of the bureau's records are housed here.

The Treasurer's bureau, located in the southwest corner of the second floor, comprises a main and private office. The main office measures 34' by 18' by 18', with three doors 9' by 3 1/6', and 14' by 3', and three windows 6½' by 3'. The floor is hardwood; painted plaster walls; and painted metal ceiling; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. A number of bound volumes are stacked on a table and counter. It is not crowded, allowing ample space for expansion with new shelving. A counter, two tables, and

ten chairs provide good accommodations to users. Approximately 5% of the bureau's records are housed here, while 60% are in the private office, 15% are stored in the attic storage room, and 20% are stored in the "bum" room on the third floor. It is recommended that ample equipment be allotted for the proper housing of these public records. The private office measures 20' by 15½' by 18', with one door 9' by 3', and four windows 6½' by 4'. The floor is hardwood; painted plaster wall; and painted metal ceiling; all in excellent condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, and it is clean and dry. Along the east and south walls, there are 240' of wood and steel shelving, of which 200' are occupied with bound volumes, while filing cabinets provide 27' of boxes 13½" deep, containing unbound materials. It is not crowded, allowing ample space for expansion with new shelving. Three desks, nine chairs, and other office equipment afford good accommodations to users. Approximately 60% of the bureau's records are housed here.

The attic storage room measures 20', with one door 8' by 3½', and no windows. The floors are wood, but in fair condition. The roof is the ceiling and has brick walls. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are poor. In the center of the room, there are 20' of shelving, of which 12' are occupied with bound volumes, and 8' of unbound materials are piled on the floor. There are no accommodations to users. Approximately 20% of the Assessor's records, 20% of the Auditor's records, and 15% of the Treasurer's records are housed here. It is recommended that new shelving and equipment be allotted for the proper housing of these public records.

The "bum" room, located in the southwest corner of the third floor, measures 22' by 17' by 18', with one door 9' by 3', and four windows 14' by 3½'. The floor is hardwood; ceiling and walls, painted plaster and metal; all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good, with very little dust, soot, or dampness. Along the north wall, there are 36' of wood whelving, all of which are occupied with unbound materials, while the bound volumes are piled on the floor. It is not crowded, allowing plenty of space of expansion with new shelving. There are no accommodations to users. Approximately 25% of the Assessor's records, 20% of the Clerk's records, 20% of the Commissioners' records, 58% of the Sheriff's records, and 20% of the Treasurer's records are stored here. It is recommended that new shelving and equipment be allotted for the proper housing of these public records.

ABBREVIATIONS

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Art.	Article
Bldg.	Building
Ch.	Chapter
C.C.	County Courthouse
Const.	Constitution
ib., ibid.	Ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana
p.,pp.	Page, pages
q.v.	Which see
Rev. Stat.	Revises Statutes
Sec.	Section
U.S.	United States
V., vol., vols.	Volume, volumes

Other abbreviations occasionally used will be obvious from the context.

AGRICULTURAL AGENT

Whenever twenty or more residents of a county who are actively interested in agriculture file a petition, the County Board of Education files said petition with the County Council for appropriation of salary and expense; the Board of Education then applies to Purdue University for the appointment of an Agricultural Agent whose appointment is made annually.

In accordance with the law an Agricultural Agent has been appointed for Blackford County. It is his duty, under the supervision of Purdue University, to cooperate with movements for the advancement of agriculture, give advice to farmers, and aid the county Superintendent of Schools in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science (Acts 1913, Burns 28-4911 [7045]).

1. ANNUAL NARRATIVE, REPORT OF, 1927--. 8 vols.
Report to Purdue University, showing number of projects, attendance at meetings, demonstrations, farm visits, and summary of results accomplished. Arranged chronologically. Typed on printed form. 100 pp. 11 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$ C.C., Agricultural Agent's office.

2. TUBERCULIN TEST, RESULT OF, 1927--. 1 file box.
Record of cattle tested for tuberculosis, showing owner of herd, address, date of test, breed of cattle, number tested, number of reactions, number passed, and name of veterinarian. Arranged alphabetically by owner. 21 x 17 x 12. C.C., Agricultural Agentls office.

3. BLOOD TESTS FOR BANG'S DISEASE, RECORD OF, 1935--. 1 file box.
Record of tests made for Bang's disease, showing owner, address, location of farm, date of test, number of reactions, and name of veterinarian. Arranged alphabetically by owner. 21 x 17 x 12. C.C., Agricultural Agent's office.

ASSESSOR

The Assessor's office, created by the General Assembly, is non-constitutional.

The Assessor is nominated by primary and elected for a four-year term in the fall election, there being no prohibition against successive terms in office. Qualifications are established by law; he must have been a continuous freeholder of Blackford County for not less than four years before the date of election, and he must provide a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good and sufficient freehold sureties approved by the Auditor, who also administers the oath of office. The statutes direct that he shall be subject to the orders and directions of the State board of tax commissioners. He may be removed from office for misfeasance, upon notice and hearing, and may appeal to the Circuit Court from unfavorable hearings below. (Acts 1919, Burns 64-1101 [14200]).

His duties are to assess omitted property and inheritances, to appraise each school plant, to instruct the township assessors, to carry out the orders of the State tax board, and to act as president of Blackford County Board of Review (Acts 1919, Burns 64-1101 [14200]).

4. ASSESSMENT SHEETS, 1911. 492 vols.
Individual property tax assessment lists, showing complete list of all real and personal property, and appraised value as taken by Assessor and signed by owner. Arranged alphabetically by taxpayer. Hand-written on printed form. 250 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. C.C., 136 vols., 1931--, Auditor's office; 226 vols., 1911-23, "bum" room; 130 vols., 1923-30, attic "bum" room.

5. BLACKFORD COUNTY, 1935. 1 map.
Political and communications map, showing townships, towns, sections, railroads, roads and reservations. Drawn by Lewis Smith, Hartford City Ind. Bluepring. No scale given. 35 x 35. C.C., Assessor's office.

6. VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, 1855--. 343 vols.
Record of Assessments and appraisals of real and personal property, showing owners, description, location, value, improvements, number of polls, and total value. Arranged alphabetically by taxpayer. Hand-written on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 13 x 1. C.C., 129 vols., 1855-85, attic "bum" room; 178 vols., 1885-1930, Auditor's office; 36 vols., 1931--, Assessor's office.

7. HARTFORD CITY, 1933. 1 map.
Political and communications map, showing original plat, additions, roads, streets, railroads, rivers, lots and lot numbers. Drawn by H.K. Morrison, Muncie Ind. Printed. Scale, 1" to 20 rods. 42 x 34. C.C., Assessor's office.

8. PLAT BOOK, 1880--. 15 vols.
Record of farm plats and city lots, showing name of owner, description, and plat drawing. Arranged numerically by township and range. Hand-

written on printed form. 120 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. C.C., 10 vols., 1919-28, Auditor's office; 4 vols., 1932--, Assessor's office; 1 vol., 1880, "bum" room.

AUDITOR

The Auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and entitled to hold office for not more than eight years in any period of twelve. The Auditor is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Burns 49-3003.

The Auditor is the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. He preserves the documents, books, records, maps, and papers deposited in his office; examines and settles all accounts and demands chargeable against Blackford County; keeps an account current with the Treasurer; acknowledges deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; files records of poor relief and reports of charity cases; approves bonds of township trustees; advertises and sells bonds; delivers election supplies to election inspectors; prepares tax duplicates; verifies tax rates; issues tax deeds; acts as custodian of school funds; and accepts bequests for cemeteries (Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1879; Burns 49-3004 [11887] to 49-3018 [11903]).

Bonds

9. BONDS, RECORD OF, 1922--. 4 vols. (2-5). Prior to 1922, missing.
Record of bonds posted by county officials, showing name of surety, amount of bond, term, and conditions of bond. Indexed alphabetically by official. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

10. COUNTY BONDS SOLD, RECORD OF, 1879-1933. 2 vols.
Bond sale record, showing dates, kind of bonds, amount, date due, to whom sold, and addresses of all parties. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 20 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

Budget

11. DISBURSEMENTS, JOURNAL OF, 1841-71. 2 vols.
Record of expenditures, showing date of order, amount posted to various county funds, salary of officials, jury, election, printing, and court allowances. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 13 x 9 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1841-62, "bum" room; 1 vol., 1863-71, Auditor's office.

12. DITCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, REGISTER OF, 1878-1926. 2 vols.
Record of costs of ditch upkeep, showing name, location, owners, amount assessed, to whom, and for what purpose. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

13. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1895--. 5 vols.
Itemized record of fees, showing date received, from whom, transfer, highway and license fees, road contracts, tax deeds, and total collected. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 160 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

14. MONTHLY BALANCE RECORD, 1892--. 4 vols.
Record of cash balance for each month, showing date received, amount, number of account, kind of funds, date disbursed, totals, and monthly balance. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 120 pp. 20 x 17 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

15. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1871--. 18 vols.
Record of all receipts and disbursements, showing source of receipts, amount, and date of distribution. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.
For later records, see entry 16.

16. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, LEDGER OF, 1841-71. 2 vols.
Record of all county funds, showing amount posted, and balance of each account. Handwritten. 250 pp. 13 x 9 x 1½. C.C., 1 vol., 1841-62, attic 'bum' room; 1 vol., 1863-71. Auditor's office.

17. RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND DISBURSEMENTS, LEDGER OF, 1824--. 4 vols.
Record of all county appropriation accounts, showing original amount, date, and amount of additional appropriations, amount of disbursements charged to each account, and balance. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 16 x 3 . C.C., Auditor's office.

Change of Venue

18. VENUE RECORD, 1879-1907. 1 vol.
Record of cash account with other counties on venued court cases, showing date, from whom received, name of county, to whom issued, title of cause, and disbursements. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 19 x 11 x ½. C.C., "bum" room.

Liquor

19. RETAILERS' BOND RECORD, 1901-12. 1 vol.
Record of bonds posted by applicants for liquor license, showing amount of bond, location of business, name of retailer, and name of surety. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 350 pp. 17 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

20. APPLICATION TO PAY, QUIETUS, 1901--. 18 vols. 1926-32, missing.
Record of certified receipts issued by Auditor, showing date, to whom paid, and for what fund payment was made. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., 9 vols., 1901-26, "bum" room; 9 vols., 1933--. Auditor's office.

21. CANCELED WARRANTS, 1905--. 7 file boxes.
County warrants for claims that have been allowed and paid, showing date, to whom issued, to what fund charged, for what purpose, amount, and serial number. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10. C.C., Auditor's office.

22. COUNTY WARRANTS, 1895-1925. 26 vols.
Stub book of warrants issued, showing date and amount, serial number, to whom issued, and for what purpose. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 220 pp. 19 x 18 x 1½. C.C., Attic "bum" room.

23. GRAVEL ROAD RECEIPTS AND EXPEDITURES, REGISTER OF, 1878-1930. 10 vols. (2 sets 1-3, and 4 vols. not numbered.)
Record of receipts and disbursements for road repairs, showing date, road, amount received, to whom paid, and cost of labor and material. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

24. GRAVEL ROAD REPAIR RECEIPTS, 1904-34. 3 file boxes.
Receipts for money paid on gravel road repairs, showing amount, to whom paid, and for what purpose. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 10 x 5. C.C., Auditor's office.

25. GRAVEL ROAD WARRANTS, 1896-1912. 11 vols.
Record of warrants issued for road repairs, showing date, amount, for whom issued, for what purpose, and name of road. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 8 x 1½. C.C., "bum" room.

26. PAID CLAIMS, 1900--. 27 file boxes.
Record of claims paid by the Auditor, showing date, claim number, warrant number, amount, nature of claim, and certification of correctness. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10. C.C., Auditor's office.

27. REDEEMED COUNTY ORDERS, REGISTER OF, 1844-1911.
6 vols.
Record of orders that have been redeemed, showing date, amount, whose favor drawn, nature of claim, and to what fund charged. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 17 x 16 x 1½. C.C., 4 vols., 1844-85; 1 vol., 1900-11. Auditor's office; 1 vol., 1885-1900, attic "bum" room.

28. REDEEMED COUNTY ROAD AND DITCH ORDERS, 1900-33.
5 file boxes.
Record of road and ditch orders that have been redeemed, showing to whom issued, amount, and for what purpose. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10. C.C., Auditor's office.

29. REDEEMED ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, REGISTER OF, 1884-1910.
2 vols.
Record of gravel road orders redeemed, showing date, to whom issued, kind of material, cost, and name of road. Indexed alphabetically by supervisor. Handwritten on printed form. 180 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1884-1900, "bum" room; 1 vol., 1901-10, Auditor's office.

30. REDEEMED ORDERS OF FREE GRAVEL ROADS, REGISTER OF, 1902-12. 1 vol.
Record of orders paid for road construction, showing amount, to whom, road, date, total orders, and balance of appropriation. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 400 pp. 17 x 16 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

31. REDEEMED ROAD RECEIPTS, REGISTER OF, 1884-1905. 2 vols.
Record of redeemed road receipts, showing date, to whom issued, township, road, amount, and for what purpose. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 ppp. 18 x 13 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's office.

School Funds

32. SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS, REGISTER OF, 1852--. 6 vols.
Record of Receipts and expenditures showing from whom rece ived, for what account, interest, principal, fines, liquor license, to whom issued, and for what purpose allowed. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. C.C., 2 vols., 1912--. Auditor's office; 4 vols., 1852-1912, "bum" room.

33. SCHOOL FUND LOANS, REGISTER OF, 1842--. 6 vols.
(3, and 5 vols. not numbered).
Record of school fund loans, showing date, to whom, amount, maturity, interest and principal. Indexed alphabetically by borrower. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., 4 vols., 1842-1903, "bum" room; 2 vols., 1903--. Auditor's office.

34. UNSATISFIED MORTGAGES, RECORD OF, 1910-32. 1 vol.
Record of unsatisfied mortgages, showing date of mortgage, name of mortgagor, amount, to whom assigned, and date. Indexed alphabetically by mortgager. Handwritten on printed form. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

Social Security

35. POOR FUND CLAIMS, REGISTER OF, 1835--. 1vol.
Record of poor claims presented by vendor to county for payment, showing date, claim, vendor, amount, amount paid by Federal fund, and date paid. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 60 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. C.C., Auditor's office.

36. SOLDIERS' BURIAL RECORD, 1890-1905. 1 vol.
Burial record of soldiers, sailors, and marines, showing name, date of enlistment, date of discharge, rank, age, date of death, place of burial, and total cost. Indexed alphabetically by soldier. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 18 x 13 x 1. C.C., "bum" room.

37. TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF, LEDGER OF, 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of poor funds, showing receipts, appropriations, and disbursements for each township. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 50 pp. 10 x 12 x 1. C.C., Auditor's office.

Statistics

38. ENUMERATION OF WHITE AND COLORED MALES OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE, 1866-1931. 35 vols. Numbering varies. 1901, 1907, missing.
Record of all white and colored males, showing total number, township, names, and dates. Indexed alphabetically by party. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 16 x 8 x 3/4. C.C., 31 vols., 1866-1925, "bum" room; 4 vols., 1931, Auditor's office.

39. FORESTRY RECORD, 1900-04. 1 vol.
Record of forest tracts reported by land owners in compliance with the Forestry Act of 1889, showing description and location of forest land, name of owner, and date reported. Indexed alphabetically by owner. Handwritten on printed form. 290 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. C.C., "bum" room.

40. STATISTICAL STATEMENTS, 1854-1924. 56 vols. Numbering varies.
Statistical record, showing number of farms, acres of timber, land, pastures, cereal crops, and amount of live stock. Indexed alphabetically by owner. Handwritten on printed form. 60 pp. 16 x 14 x ½. C.C., 1854-79, "bum" room; 40 vols., 1879-1924, attic "bum" room.

41. ASSESSMENTS, COPY OF, 1873-74. 1 vol.
Record of assessments of real and personal property, showing owner, description, number of acres, value, value of improvements, and total valuation. Indexed alphabetically by owner. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

42. DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, REGISTER OF, 1844--. 12 vols.
Record of property sold for non-payment of taxes, showing owner, description of land, acres, amount sold for, to whom sold, when redeemed, by whom, and total amount. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten, 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

43. DELINQUENT LIST, 1841-1910. 27 vols.
Record of all delinquent taxes, showing taxpayer, description and location of land, amount delinquent, interest, penalty, and total amount. Arranged alphabetically by township. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., 14 vols., 1841-76, Auditor's office; 13 vols., 1877-1910, attic "bum" room.

44. DISTRIBUTION, CERTIFICATES OF, 1911--. 4 vols.
Record of certificates issued for the distribution of tax revenue, showing date, amount, and to whom issued. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 17 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1911-17, "bum" room; 3 vols., 1917--, Auditor's office.

45. LAND AND LOTS, RECORD OF, 1860-75. 1 vol.
Record of lands and lots, showing description, value, improvements, personal property, and total value. Arranged alphabetically in townships by owner. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

46. MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS, AFFIDAVIT OF, 1899-1904.
5 file boxes.
Affidavit of persons seeking exemption from taxation on mortgage indebtedness, showing location and description, amount, and to whom given. Arranged alphabetically by mortgagor. 13 x 5 x 10. C.C., Auditor's office.

47. TRANSFER BOOK, 1865--. 106 vols.
Record of real estate transfers, showing owners, date, from whom purchased, description, improvements, and assessed valuation of land. Indexed alphabetically by ~~ga~~ grantee and grantor. Handwritten on printed form. 325 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

CLERK

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Burns 49-2701 [11841]).

The Clerk preserves all records and writings filed in his office; procures all necessary judges' appearance, bar, judgment, and execution dockets, and order and final record books; attends the Blackford County sessions of the Blackford Circuit and enters in the proper record book all orders, judgments, and decrees of the court; keeps a complete record of all causes where the title to land is involved, and of criminal causes where the punishment is death or imprisonment. He is authorized to receive all funds ordered to be paid into the court. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1859, 1867, 1875, 1879 Special Session, 1929, and 1933; Burns 48-2701 to 49-2725 [11841-11857]).

Bonds

48. BONDS, APPROVED, 1910-1911. 1 file box.
Record of approved bonds, showing to whom issued, for what purpose, amount, and date of approval. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

49. BONDS TO SELL INTOXICATING LIQUOR, 1918--. 1 file box.
Record of bonds to sell intoxicating liquor, showing name of retailer and surety, amount of bond, and conditions on which it may be forfeited. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

50. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1907--. 1 vol.
Record of bonds posted with Clerk for release of prisoners and to insure payments for property damaged in accidents, showing amount, for whom posted, purpose, and name of surety. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 425 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

51. NOTARIAL BOND RECORD, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of bonds of notaries, showing name of notary, term of office, amount of bond, affidavit of bondsman, and date recorded. Indexed alphabetically by notary. Handwritten on printed form. 375 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

52. NOTARY AND JUSTICE BONDS, 1910--. 1 file box.
Bonds of notaries and justices, showing name of applicant, sureties, date, amount, and period of time of bond. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

53. OFFICIAL BONDS, RECORD OF, 1839--. 6 vols. (1-5 and 1 vol. not numbered).
Complete record of bonds of all county officials, showing name of office holder and bondsman, term of office, amount of bond, and date recorded. Indexed alphabetically by bonded person. Handwritten. 335 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Change of Venue

54. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORD, 1892--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Records of cases venued to adjoining counties anc cost of trial before being venued, showing names of parties, term of court, expense of jury, Sheriff, bailiff, and page reference to Order Book. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Court, Circuit

55. ALLOWANCES, 1897--. 3 file boxes.
Record of allowances of court in civil suits, showing name of party for whom allowance is made, amount ordered and paid to Clerk to be held in trust, and name of party ordered to pay. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

56. APPEAL COSTS, 1897--. 1 file box.
Record of bonds posted with the court to gurantee all costs of any nature as to appeal cases, showing name of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and surety, amount of bond, and signature, and seal of notary. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

57. COMPLETE RECORD, 1853-1921. 24 vols. (A, 1-22, 14½).
Complete record of all cases tried, showing names of parties, case number, proceedings of court and disposition of each case. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Discontinued. 1853-95, handwritten; 1895-1921, typed. 575pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

58. COURT DOCUMENTS, 1840--. 430 file boxes. (1-430).
Record of papers pertaining to each case, such as summons, denials, affidavits, subpoenas, and answers. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

For index, see entry 59.

59. COURT DOCUMENTS, INDEX TO, 1840--. 5 vols. (1-5).
Index to file boxes containing civil court documents, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause number, and file box number. Arranged alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

60. CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS, 1929--. 1 file box.
Record of criminal complaints filed in court, showing name of defendant, prosecutor, and party filing charge, term of court, date, kind of charge, and date of affidavit. Arranged numerically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

61. CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1923--. 2 vols.
Record of criminal cases, showing date, nature of crime, name of parties, cause number, date of hearing, and minutes of court. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 800 pp. 11 x 11 x 6. C.C., Clerk's vault.
For earlier records, see entry 63.

62. DEPOSITIONS, 1931--. 1 file box.
Record of testimony taken of disabled or non-resident persons, showing date of service, name of plaintiff and defendant, term of court and testimony taken. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

63. DITCH RECORDS, 1853-1920. 4 vols. (1-3, 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of petitions, assessments and notices pertaining to drainage, showing names of petitioners, amount of assessment on each property owner, copy of notices, and record of payments made. Indexed alphabetically by ditch. Discontinued. Handwritten. 400 pp. 17 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's office.

64. DOCKET, CIVIL, 1840--. 52 vols. (1-37, 1-14, 1 vol. not numbered).
Docket of all cases as kept by judge, showing case number, term of court, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, action, issues, pleadings, and proceedings of the court. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

65. ENTRY DOCKET, COURT DOCKET, CIVIL DOCKET, 1845--. 28 vols. (A-V, 6 vols. not numbered).
Entry book of all civil cases filed in court, showing date of filing, names of parties, cause number, and nature of action. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

66. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1848--. 11 vols. (A-K).
Record of executions of Circuit judgments, showing date of issue, kind of writ, names of plaintiff and defendant, against whom judgment was rendered, amount, date, costs, officer, and to whom delivered. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

67. EXECUTIONS AND DECREES, 1910--. 4 file boxes, marked by title.
Record of all executions ordered by court, showing dates, names of plainriffs and defendants, cause number, report of costs, judgments, amount of liens, amount of appraisement, and sale of property. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. Clerks' main office, C.C.

68. FEE BOOK, 1848--. 19 vols. (1-19)
Record of all fees charged in civil cases, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, from whom fee is received, amount of fee, cause number, and date received. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

69. FIRST NATIONAL BANK CASE, 1933. 1 file box.
Legal papers to cases concerning First National Bank, showing names of parties to action, dates to appear, and amounts involved. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

70. GRAND JURY REPORT, 1922--. 1 file box.
Reports of grand juries, showing days convened, nature of complaints brought before jury, and reports of results found upon investigation. No. index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

71. INDEX TO RECORDS, GENERAL, 1840-1905. 4 vols. (1-4).
General index to all court records, showing case numbers, names of plaintiffs and defendants, action, order book number and page, fee book number and page, and execution, and complete record book and page. Arranged alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

72. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1850--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Record of indictments returned by grand jury, showing name of Prosecuting Attorney, date bill was filed and recorded, signature and affidavit of Clerk, and name of defendant. Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 575 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

73. INSANE RECORD, 1881-1927. 4 vols. (2-3, 2 vols. numbered 3, 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of application for commitment to asylum, showing dates, name of patient, statement of medical attendant and examiner, certificate of justice of peace, order of admission, warrant for arrest, Superintendent's receipts and Sheriffs' returns. Arranged alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 20 x 13 x 2 3/4. C.C., Clerk's vault.

74. INSANITY PAPERS, 1886--. 2 file boxes.
Record of papers pertaining to insanity cases, showing warrants, reports of medical examiner, commitment papers and discharge, Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

75. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1846--. 12 vols. (A-L).
Record of all judgments ordered, showing date, parties, amount, receipts of Clerk, and receipt by judgment creditor or attorney. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

76. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1877--. 1 vol.
Record of lis pendens notices, showing date of notice, names of parties to action, nature of cause, description of property involved, and name of plaintiff's attorney. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

77. LIS PENDENS CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1882--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of certificates of sale issued by Sheriff, showing date, name of Sheriff and defendant, report of sale, amount received, cost, principal, and interest. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

78. ORDER BOOK, CIVIL, 1839--. 47 vols. (1-47).
Complete record of court orders in civil cases, showing date, term of court, names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause number, and orders of court. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. 1839-99, handwritten; 1899--, typed. 575pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

79. PARTITION DEED RECORD, 1881-1933. 1 vol.
Record of transcripts of deeds made for partition of lands by court order, showing description of property involved, names of parties, date of trial and final court order. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's main office.

For earlier records and court orders, see entry 80.

80. PARTITION RECORD, 1855-1918. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of partitions suits filed and heard in court, showing location of land, legal description and plat, names of Commissioners and fees charged. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. 1855-99, handwritten; 1899-1918, typed. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For later records and deeds, see entry 79.

81. PETITIONS FOR PARTITIONS, TRANSCRIPTS OF, 1897-1903.
1 file box.
Transcripts of petitions on suits filed for partition of real estate, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, term of court, date, cause of action, cause number, description, and finding of court. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

82. PRECIPE BOOK, 1880--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of orders of attorneys to the Clerk to furnish transcripts of legal papers relating to cases, showing names of parties and attorneys, date filed, and completed. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

83. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911-29. 1 vol.
Record of deeds on which title to same has been quieted by court order, showing description and location of land, and transcript of court order. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Typed. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C. Recorder's main office.

84. RECOGNIZANCE BONDS, RECORD OF, 1884-96; 1913--. 1 vol.
2 file boxes.
Record of bonds posted to insure appearance of defendant in court, showing date and amount of bond, charge, name of defendant, name of sureties, and signature of Sheriff. Vol., indexed alphabetically by defendant; file boxes, arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. file boxes, 13 x 4 x 11½. C.C., vol., Clerk's vault; file boxes, Clerk's main office.

85. REDEMPTION RECORD, 1882-1925. 1 vol.
Affidavits and statements in redemption of property sold for taxes, showing name of claimant, description of property, dates, certificate of redemption, and Clerk's witness. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

86. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1913--. 1 file box.
Record of certificates of sale, showing date, amount, name of buryer, and description and location of property. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

87. SPECIAL JUDGES, 1931--. 1 file box.
Formal notices of appointment of special judges made by incumbent judge, showing name of party appointed, case appointed for, and period of term. No index. 13 x 4 x 10¼. C.C., Clerk's main office.

88. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1912--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of support money received and paid out by Clerk, showing date of court order, cause number, name of plaintiff and defendant, payer and receiver, amount, and date received. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 13 x 2. C.C., Clerk's main office.

89. SURVEYOR'S ALLOTMENT AND ASSESSMENT, RECORD OF, 1922-25. 4 vols.
Record of drainage assessments ordered by court, showing name of land owner, description of land, acres benefited, length of allotment in feet, amount of benefits, specifications, amount of payments, and date due. Arranged alphabetically by land owner. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 9 x 25 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

90. VENIRES FOR GRAND JURY AND PETIT JURORS, 1914--. 1 file box.
List of names of parties who are summonsed by Sheriff to appear as jurors, showing name of parties, township, residence, date of appearance, term of court, Clerk's witness and seal. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

91. WITNESS AND OTHER FEES, REGISTER OF, 1874--. 13 vols.
Record of fees and allowances as ordered by court, showing book and page reference, title of cause, amount, from whom received and to whom paid. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 275 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Court, Common Pleas

92. APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1853-81. 1 vol.
Record of persons to appear in court, showing name of administrator and estate, proceedings, return to be made by administrator, receipts of money paid in, amount, name of claimants, and attorneys. Indexed alphabetically by estate and administrator. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2¼. C.C., Clerk's vault.

93. DOCKET, 1853-76. 7 vols. (A-C, and 4 vols. not numbered).
Entry docket of cases filed in court, showing name of parties and action, case number, proceedings, and disposition of case. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

94. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1853-75. 2 vols. (A-B).
Record of executions on court judgments, showing date of issue, kind of writ, names of parties, whom judgment was rendered against, amount and date, costs, to what offices issued, to whom delivered, and officer's return. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

95. FEE BOOK, 1853-82. 4 vols. (A-B, 1-2).
Record of all fees charged in court, showing term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, fees, summons, and filing papers. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

96. ISSUE DOCKET, 1853-57. 2 vols. (A-B).
Record of court issues, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date filed, cause number, nature of case and proceedings of court. Indexed alphabetically by deceased and estates. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

97. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1853-74. 2 vols. (A-B).
Record of all judgments allowed in court, showing date, amount of judgment or lien, parties, thereto, receipts of Clerk and judgment creditor or attorney. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

98. ORDER BOOK, CIVIL, 1853-74. 4 vols. (A-D).
Record of all orders issued by court, showing dates, terms of court, affidavits of unpaid judgments, names of plaintiffs and defendants, execution and return on judgments, and appointments of land commissioners, administrators, and guardianships. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

99. REAL ESTATE, INVENTORY OF, 1853-97. 1 vol.
Record of appraised inventories of real estate used in probating estates, showing affidavit or appraiser, legal description of property, name of deceased, and date of filing of report. Indexed alphabetically by administrator or guardian. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Court, Juvenile

100. DOCKET, 1907--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of offenses committed by minors, showing date filed, names of parties, nature of complaint, proceedings, and disposition. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 200 pp. 12 x 13 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

101. ORDER BOOK, 1907--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of orders issued, showing date filed, term of court, case number, plaintiffs and defendants, and orders of court as to disposition of cases. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

102. PAPERS, 1925--. 2 file boxes.
Record of papers pertaining to cases, consisting of affidavits of complaints and warrants or afrest, showing nature of complaint, name of minor, date case is to be heard, and names of witnesses. Arranged numerically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

103. ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDITIONAL BOND, 1874-1931. 1 vol.
Record of additional bond posted to sell real estate, showing date of posting of bond, naming of bonding company and surety, amount, and affidavit of Clerk. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For earlier and later records, see entry 105.

104. ADMINISTRATOR'S AND GUARDIAN'S BOND, 1897-1930. 2 file boxes.
Record of bonds posted, showing name of applicant and sureties, amount of bond, and date of approval. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

105. ADMINISTRATORS BOND, OATH AND LETTERS, 1848--. 5 vols. (A-C, 1-2).
Record of letters filed with court, and bond posted to qualify as administrator and surety, and Clerk's affidavit. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

106. ALLOWANCE DICKET, ENTRY AND CLAIM, 1853--. 7 vols. (1-6, and 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of estate claims allowed by court, showing estate number, names of deceased and sureties, date of court proceedings, issues and fees, claims, costs, dates of claims, amount, and claimants' name. Indexed alphabetically by deceased and administrator. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

107. CLAIMS VS. ESTATES, 1917--. 1 file box.
Record of claims against estates, showing name of estate and claimant, date, claim number, kind of claim, and amount. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

108. COURT DOCUMENTS, INDEX TO, 1840--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Complete index to file boxes containing court documents, showing name of estate, case and file box number. Arranged alphabetically by estate. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

109. ENTRY DOCKET, 1839--. 14 vols.
Record of cases, showing name of estate, surety, and attorneys, proceedings of court, and final settlement of case. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

110. EXECUTOR'S BOND, OATH AND LETTERS, 1848-55. 1 vol.
Record of letters filed and bonds posted to qualify as executor, showing name of deceased, time of death, name of surety, and affidavit signed by Clerk. Indexed alphabetically by deceased. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For later records, see entry 105.

111. FEE BOOK, 1839-1921. 5 vols. (A-E).
Record of fees in probate cases, showing date of entry, name of estate and administrator, Clerk's fees, date of payment, total amount paid, and date of final settlement. Indexed alphabetically by estate and administrator. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For later records, see entry 109.

112. FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY CIRCUIT COURT, REGISTER OF, 1893--. 6 vols. (2-6, and 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of funds held in trust by Court, showing date received, title of cause, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount received, and date disbursed. Arranged alphabetically by receiver of money. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

113. GUARDIANS' ADDITIONAL BONDS, RECORD OF, 1898-1927. 1 vol.
Record of additional bond posted to sell real estate showing date of appearence of guardian and bondsmen, their affidavits, name of estate, heirs and infirmed persons, and the approval of the court. Indexed alphabetically by guardian and ward. Handwritten on printed form. 375 pp. 18 x 13 x 12. C.C., Clerk's vault.

114. GUARDIANS' BONDS, OATHS AND LETTERS, 1848--. 5 vols. (A-C, and 2 vols. not numbered).
Record of letters filed and bonds posted with the court, pursuant to qualifying as guardian, showing date, names of wards and sureties, and affidavit of County Clerk. Indexed alphabetically by guardian and ward. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

115. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET, 1873--. 3 vols. (2, and 2 vols., numbered 1). 1890-1912 missing.
Record of guardianships, showing name and address of guardian and ward, amount of bonds, names of sureties, and reports as to solvency of estate. Indexed alphabetically by guardian. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

116. INDEX TO RECORDS, GENERAL, 1853-79. 1 vol.
General index to records, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, action taken, order book, judgments, fee and execution dockets, and complete record book number and page. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

117. INHERITANCE AND TRANSFER TAX RECORD, 1908--. 3 vols.
Record of values of estates filed with court for inheritance tax, showing name of estate and heirs, date report was filed, amount of exemptions, and rate and amount of tax. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 17 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

118. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1916-28. 1 vol.
Transcripts of inheritance tax receipts, showing name of administrator and estate, cause number, amount of tax, fees, and discount, total amount of money collected, and date of record. Indexed alphabetically by administrator and estate. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's main office.

119. INVENTORY RECORD, 1839--. 10 vols. (A-B, 1-6, and 2 vols. not numbered).
Inventory list of property filed with the court in the settlement of estates, showing name of deceased, description, appraised value of property, and amount of debts. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

120. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1846-61. 1 vol.
Record of judgments in probate cases, showing names of parties, date and amount of judgment, and receipts of satisfaction. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For later records, see entry 75.

121. LETTERS, ACCOUNTS, AND WILLS, REPORT OF, 1881-83. 1 vol.
Record of transcripts of Clerk's letters, amounts, and wills, showing date of issue, kind of letters, name of estate or deceased, name of administrator or guardian, name of sureties, and date of recording. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten. Condition poor. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

122. ORDER BOOK, 1839--. 27 vols. (1c, 2a, 24, C-Z).
Record of court orders, showing date filed, term of court, name of deceased, minor heirs, report of guardians, name of administrator, appraisement for inheritance tax, allowance of money spent, and fees to court. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. 1839-1902, handwritten; 1902--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

123. PERSONAL PROPERTY OF DECEDENTS AND SALE BILL RECORD, 1839--. 4 vols. (2 vols. A-1, and 2 vols. not numbered).
Record showing number on inventory, description of articles unsold, appraised value of same, description of articles sold, amount, cash paid, name of purchaser, and names of sureties on notes. Indexed alphabetically by estate and administrator. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

124. WILL RECORD, 1857--. 4 vols. (A-D). 3 file boxes.
Complete record of wills probated in court, showing name of person bequeathing property, name of person and part he is to receive after debts are paid, and name of witnesses. Vols. indexed alphabetically by testator; file boxes, arranged chronologically. Handwritten. Vols., 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3; file boxes. 13 x 4 x 11½. C.C., vols., Clerk's vault; file boxes, Clerk's main office.

Election

125. ABSENT VOTERS, RECORD OF, 1918--. 1 vol.
Record of absent voters seeking to vote on election day, showing name of voter registered, address to which ballot was sent, date mailed, date received, township, and number of ward. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 16 x 16 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

126. ELECTION RECORD, 1890--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Complete record of primary and general elections, showing date of election, number of ballots printed, number sent to each precinct, number burned, names of electors, and number of votes cast for each candidate by precincts. Arranged by townships and wards. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 3 x 3. C.C., Clerk's vault.

127. ELECTION RECORD PRECINCT BOOKS, 1934--. 39 vols.
Record of all registered voters of each precinct, showing name, address, place of birth, and signature of voter. Arranged alphabetically by voter. Handwritten on printed from. 50 pp.s 13 x 10 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's private office.

128. ELECTION RECORDS, 1844-1928. 2 file boxes.
Record of all elections held in incorporated towns, showing names of candidates, notices of voting places, names of Election Board, and Clerk's report of ballots used. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

129. GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED STATEMENTS, 1913--. 2 file boxes.
Certified statements of the Clerk, showing date of election, name of office, candidate, number of votes cast for each candidate, and date signed and sealed by Clerk. Arranged ~~al~~ chronologically. 3 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

130. INTENTION TO HOLD RESIDENCE, REGISTER OF, 1890-92. 1 vol.
Record of voters' statements filed with the Clerk to hold residence, showing name of voter, address, township, ward, and precinct. Arranged alphabetically by voter. Handwritten. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

131. NOTICE TO BECOME AN ELECTOR, REGISTER OF, 1890-92. 1 vol.
Record of notices filed with Clerk to become electors, showing name, age, township, town or city, precinct, and ward. Arranged alphabetically by elector. Handwritten. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

132. REGISTRATION BOOK OF EACH VOTING PRECINCT, 1914-24. 156 vols.
Registration of all voters in each precinct, showing number, name, address, age, where born, and remarks. Indexed alphabetically by voter. Handwritten on printed form. 75 pp. 16 x 11 x ½. C.C., 78 vols., attic storage room; 78 vols. "bum" room.

For later records, see entry 135.

133. PRIMARY ELECTION, 1918--. 2 file boxes.
Record of itemized expense statements of candidate seeking office, showing date notice was filed, name of candidate, what office, and expenses. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's office.

134. SPECIAL ELECTION, 1933. 1 box.
Petitions of voters for the nomination of delegates for the abolishment of the Eighteenth Amendment, showing date, name of delegate, name of petitioners, addresses, and affidavits. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

135. VOTERS REGISTRATION RECORD, 1934--. 144 drawers.
Master record of voters' registrations, showing name, address, age, place of birth, time of residence, and chages of address. Arranged alphabetically by voters. 27 x 25 x 64. C.C., Clerk's private office.

136. VOTERS REGISTRATION, TRANSFER OF, 1936--. 1 file box.
Transfer file of voters' registration, showing date, address, to what ward, precinct, and township. Arranged alphabetically by voter. 16 x 7 x 5. C.C., Clerk's private office.

Licenses and Registers

137. AGENTS' APPOINTMENT, REGISTER OF, 1899-1919. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of the appointment of agents for various insurance companies, showing name of company, name of agent, residence, when filed, and remarks. Arranged alphabetically by agent. Handwritten on printed form. 175 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

138. APPOINTMENTS, 1922--. 2 file boxes.
Record of appointments made by Circuit Court judge, showing name of party appointed, and length of term. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

139. CENSUS, 1850. 1 vol.
Record of free inhabitants in county; a death record of 1850. Arranged chronologically by township. Handwritten. 50 pp. 18 x 13 x ½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

140. DENTIST LICENSE, 1899--. 2 vols. 1 file box.
Record of lincenses required of dentists, showing name, age, office location, name of school, and years of training. Vols. arranged alphabetically by applicant; 1 file box, not indexed. Handwritten on printed form. vols. 125 pp. 15 x 12 x 3/4; file box, 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., 1 vol., 1899-1934, "bum" room; 1 vol., 1934--; 1 file box, 1910-27. Clerk's main office.

141. ESTRAY RECORD, 1839-1903. 2 vols.
Record of sworn statements of losses of livestock, showing names of owners, description, number of head, date, and appraised value. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 100 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

142. FIRE ARMS PERMIT, APPLICATION FOR, 1925-1932. 1 file box.
Record of permist to carry fire arms, showing name of applicant, date, reason, and kind of weapon. No index. 13 x 4 x 10. C.C., Clerk's main office.

143. INSURANCE CERTIFICATE, 1889-1926. 9 file boxes.
Record of the financial condition of insurance companies, showing date filed, name, date organized, assets, liabilities, and capital stock. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's office.

144. INTANGIBLES, AFFIDAVIT OF, 1933--. 1 file box.
Sworn statements as to value of intangible property, showing name of party, date filed, nature, and value. No index. 15 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

145. JUNK DEALERS LICENSE, 1905--. 3 vols.; 1 file box.
Record of applications for license for junk business, showing date, city, name, and location. Vols. indexed alphabetically by applicant; file box not indexed. Handwritten on printed form. Vols. 140 pp. 16 x 10 x 1; file box, 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., vols. 1905--, Clerk's vault; file box, 1907-09, Clerk's main office.

146. LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS, 1927--. 1 file box.
Record of appointments to the public library board by the judge of the Circuit Court, showing date, name, length of term, and oath of office. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

147. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1839--. 15 vols. (A-O).
Record of applications for marriage license, showing names of parties in full, date, and place of birth. Indexed alphabetically by bride and groom. Handwritten. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Clerk's office.

148. MARRIAGE RETURNS, 1877--. 6 file boxes.
Record of marriage returns, showing date license issued, return certificate of person performing marriage ceremony, names of both parties, and witnesses. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 11½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

149. NURSES TRAINED, REGISTER OF, 1905--. 1 vol.
Register of all trained nurses in county, showing date of registration, to whom certificate was issued, residence, address, and date of license. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 60 pp. 9 x 8 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

150. OPTOMETRY LICENSE RECORD, 1907-30. 1 vol.
Record of applications to practice optometry, showing name, date applied, date of expiration, and location of business. Indexed chronologically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

151. PARTNERSHIP, CERTIFICATE OF, 1905--. 1 vol.; 1 box.
Record of partnership business, showing names of partners, name of business, kind of partnership, kind of business, and duration. Indexed alphabetically by firm and partners. Hand written on printed from. Vol. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.; file box, 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Vol., 1909--. Clerk's vault; file box, 1905-29, Clerk's main office.

152. PATENT RECORD, 1869-1910. 1 vol., 1 file box.
Patent papers, showing to whom patent was granted, nature of patent, name of patentee, age, occupation, address, and date patent was granted. Vol., indexed alphabetically by patentee; file box, no index. Handwritten on printed form. Vol., 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 2; box, 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., vol., 1869-1906, Clerk's vault; box, 1904-10; Clerk's main office.

153. PETTY MONEY LENDER"S LICENSE, 1914-1916. 1 vol.
Record of applications for licenses to small loan companies, showing date, name of town, county, loan company, location of business, and affidavit of Clerk. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 125 pp. 18 x 9 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

154. PHYSICIANS' LICENSE, RECORD OF, 1881--. 3 vols., 2 file boxes.
Record of persons applying for physicians' license, showing name of applicant, age, residence, school of medicine, date of graduation, and date of issuance of license. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Vols., 250 pp., 18 x 13 x 2½; boxes, 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Vols., 1881--, Clerk's vault; boxes, 1913--, Clerk's main office.

155. POULTRY DEALERS' LICENSE RECORD, 1917--. 2 vols.
Record of application for license to buy and sell poultry, showing date, name, place of business, town or city, and dates of filing application and granting of license. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 11 x 9 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

156. RESOLUTIONS, 1936. 1 file box.
Resolutions in memory of deceased, by friends, showing name of deceased, his occupation, public offices he has held, date of death, and place of residence. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

157. SIRES, LICENSE FOR, 1890-1901. 1 file box.
Record as indicated in title, showing owner, name and description of sire, and date of license. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's office.

158. VETERINARY RECORD, 1893-1901. 1 vol.
Veterinaries' applications for certificate to practice, showing date, name, school of medicine, and applicants' signature. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 18 x 13 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Maps

159. BLACKFORD COUNTY, 1933. 2 maps
Printed political and communications maps, showing townships, towns, roads, farms, churches, schools, railroads, and streams. Printed by Hartford City News, Hartford City, Indiana. Scale not given. 33 x 39. C.C., Clerk's private office.

160. HARTFORD CITY, 1933. 3 maps.
Printed political map, showing original plat, additions, streets, roads, railroads, streams, and lot numbers. Drawn by H.K. Morrison, Muncie, Indiana. Scale not given. 18 x 21. C.C., Clerk's private office.

161. HARTFORD CITY, not dated. 2 maps.
Blueprint communications and political maps, showing original plat, all additions, streets, roads, and lot numbers. Drawn by H.K. Morrison, Muncie, Indiana. Scale, 1" to 20 rods. 34" x 40". C.C., Clerk's private office.

162. MONTPELIER, 1933. 1 map.
Blueprint communications and political map, showing plat of city, streets, roads, railways, additions, and voting precincts. Drawn by Wm. Brown, Mill Grove, Indiana. Scale not given. 36" x 36". C.C., Clerk's private office.

Naturalization

163. DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1854-1927. 4 vols. 1 file box.
Declarations of aliens, of intention to be naturalized citizens, showing name, age, place of birth, sworn statements, and date of arrival in this country. Vols., indexed alphabetically by applicant; box, no index. Handwritten. Vols., 225 pp. 13 x 8 x 1.; file bos, 13 x 4 x 14½. C.C., vols., 1854-1927, Clerk's vault; box, 1916-26. Clerk's main office.

164. PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION, 1906-28. 1 vol.
Record of petitions to become naturalized citizens of U.S., showing place of birth, native country, date of arrival in U.S., residence, and oath of allegiance. Indexed alphabetically by petitioner. Handwritten on printed form. 50 pp. 18 x 13 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Receipts and Disbursements

165. DAILY BALANCE, CASH BOOK, 1863--. 12 vols.
(7 vols., 1-7, and 13 vols., not numbered).
Record of all daily receipts, disbursements and balances, showing receipts from various sources, disbursement for various purposes, name of depository, daily deposit, amount of deposit, cash on hand, and total balance. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 12 x 1½. C.C., 4 vols., 1867-77, attic "bum" room; 8 vols., 1863-1925, Clerk's vault; 8 vols., 1928--, Clerk's main office.

166. FEES COLLECTED AND DUE, REPORT OF, 1914-16. 1 file box.
Statements of the Clerk to the Auditor of fees collected, showing amount from each case, total amount, and amount due Treasurer. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

167. RECEIPTS, 1907-11. 1 file box.
Receipts showing date, name of party from whom received, for what purpose paid, amount, and receipt number. No index. 13 x 4 x 10½.
C.C., Clerk's main office.

The Board of County Commissioners is a statutory body consisting of three qualified electors, elected for three years on party tickets at the general elections. (Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601, [5913]).

The Board of County Commissioners holds twelve monthly sessions. It makes orders respecting the property of Blackford County, sells, pruchases, takes care of, and preserves the property. It allows all accounts chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for, and directs the raising of sums necessary for expense, audits accounts of all officers, provides election supplies, and maintains highways. It may abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, establish libraries and hospitals, aid war veterans, pay bounties, offer rewards, and appoint deputy sheriffs, highway and drainage commissioners. (Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1863, 1865, 1879 Special Session, 1885, 1897, 1899, 1907, 1913, 1921, and 1929; Burns 26-601 to 26-639 [5913-6103]).

Claims

168. CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1839--. 6 vols.
Claims allowed, showing number, date, in favor of whom, amount of claim, amount allowed, and warrant number. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 375 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

Proceedings and Reports

169. DOCKET, 1873--. 18 vols. (1, 8-9, and 15 vols. not numbered).
Record of entry dockets, showing number, parties, action, date, book and page, and decision. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 13 x 2. C.C., 8 vols., not numbered, 1873-99, "bum" room; 10 vols., 1, 8, 9, 7 vols., not numbered, Commissioner's office.

170. RECORD, 1839--. 24 vols. (1-24).
Record of proceedings concerning budgets, road contracts, bridges, ditches, and building repairs, showing petitions, contracts, and actions. Indexed alphabetically by title of business. 1839-1903, handwritten on printed form; 1903--, typed. 575 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

171. ROADS, RECORD OF, 1927-31. 1 vol.
Record of road contracts awarded, showing nature of contract, date, amount, name of contractor, address, to whom paid, date of payment, warrant number, amount paid on contract, and total. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 14 x 19 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. C.C., Auditor's office.

172. ROADS, INDEX OF, 1839-93. 1 vol.
Index of roads, showing location, section, township and range, name of road and viewers, and book and page reference. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. C.C., Auditor's office.

The Coroner is a constitutional officer, elected biennially. There is no prohibition against continuous tenure of office. He is nominated by primary and elected at the general election. The Coroner must furnish a five thousand dollar bond. (Indiana Cost., Art. 6, Sec. 2.).

The Coroner investigates violent deaths. He can arrest the Sheriff in case that becomes necessary, and perform the duties of the Sheriff when the Sheriff is interested, absent, or otherwise incapacitated from serving. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 Special Session, and 1933; Burns 49-2901 to 49-2915 [11866-11880]).

173. REPORTS, 1919-34. 2 file boxes, marked by title. Record of inquests, showing name, verdict, date, and affidavits of witnesses. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 4 x 10½. C.C., Clerk's main office.

The County Council is composed of seven members. Blackford County is divided into four councilmanic districts with one councilman elected by the electors of each district, and three others elected at large by the electors of the entire county (Acts 1899; Burns 26-502 [5683]). They hold office for four years (Acts 1899; Burns 26-505 [5688]). The Council elects its president (Acts 1899; Burns 26-507 [5868]), the Auditor acts as clerk (Acts 1899; Burns 26-509 [5870]), and the Sheriff executes the orders of the Council (Acts 1899; Burns 26-510 [5871]).

The power of fixing the tax rate for county purposes, and for all purposes where the rate not fixed by law is required to be uniform throughout the county, is vested in the Council, as well as the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury (Acts 1899; Burns 26-515 [5876]).

The Council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Burns 26-520 [5881]), as well as emergency appropriations (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; burns 26-521 [5882]).

The Council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532 [5893]). No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of $1,000 or more shall take place without authorization of the Council (Acts 1899; Burns 26-534 [5895]).

174. RECORD, 1899--. 1 vol.
Record of proceedings and appropriation ordinances, showing date, minutes, budgets, road repairs, bridge repairs, expenses and names of board members. Indexed alphabetically by subject. Handwritten. Condition fair. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

The Board of Blackford County Commissioners constitutes the Board of Finance. The Auditor acts as secretary. The board may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purposes intended by its creation.

The Board of Finance has charge of and-controls the funds of Blackford County (Acts 1907; Burns 61-608 [12616]).

The Board of Finance selects the depository for Blackford County funds. It approves the purchase of U.S. Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the U.S. Government. It invites proposals to receive public funds on deposits, receives proposals, and creates and revokes depositories. (Acts 1907, 1909, 1931; Burns 61-610 to 61-613 [12620-26]).

175. RECORD, 1907--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of proceedings concerning depositories, showing date of meetings, minutes, names of depository, bonds, amount of interest, sureties and affidavits. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. C.C., Auditor's office.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The Health Commissioner is appointed by the County Commissioners for a four-year term and is not restricted or limited as to the number of years he may serve. (Burns 35-108 [8158]).

It is the duty of the Health Commissioner to study and check contagiour diseases in the carious communities, whenever and wherever possible, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, make dairy inspections, food inspections, and hold regular examinations of pupils in the various schools of Blackford County at regular intervals. (Acts 1891; Burns 35-108 [8158]).

The Health Commissioner has his official records in his private office. The incumbent is Dr. E.D. Shadday, who resides in Montpelier, Ind.

176. BIRTHS, RECORD OF, 1882--. 12 vols.
Record of births outside incorporated towns, showing name, date, location, patrons' name, age, occupation, and number of children. Indexed alphabetically by family name. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 1½. C.C., 10 vols., 1882-1918, Auditor's office; 2 vols., 1919--, Dr. E.D. Shadday's private office, Main and Huntington Sts., Montpelier, Ind.

177. DEATHS, RECORD OF, 1882--. 8 vols., 1910-11 missing.
Record of deaths, showing name, date, race, age, occupations, and parents' names, Indexed alphabetically by deceased. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 14 x 12 x 1. C.C., 6 vols., 1882-1909, Auditor's office; 2 vols., 1911--, Dr. E.D. Shadday's private office, Main and Huntington Sts., Montpelier, Ind.

178. INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, RECORD OF, 1911--. 1 vol.
Record of infectious and contagious diseases, showing name of person, age, sex, address, race, size of family, by whom reported, date, and quarantine. Indexed alphabetically by patient. Handwritten on printed form. 210 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. Dr. E.D. Shadday's private office, Main and Huntington Sts., Montpelier, Ind.

179. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1901--. 6 vols.
Record of marriages, showing names, addresses, age, race, occupation, place of birth, parents' names, by whom married, and date. Indexed alphabetically by groom. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 14 x 12 x 1½. C.C., 3 vols., 1901-20, Auditor's office; 3 vols., 1920--, Dr. E.D. Shadday's private office, Main and Huntington Sts., Montpelier, Ind.

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The county highway system was, at one time, administered by the Superintendent of Highways who was appointed by the County Commissioners for a term of four years, and many records bear his name and title. This office was established in 1913 and abolished March 1, 1933, and the powers and duties given to the Surveyor (Acts, 1913, 1933; Burns 36-1113). In order to provide for necessary supervision in counties warranting more attention than the Surveyor can give, the Board of County Commissioners of any county of the State of Indiana has the right to employ any person other than the Surveyor as supervisor of county highways, and such officer is called the Highway Supervisor (Acts, 1933; Burns 36-1110). The Board of Commissioners of Blackford County has appointed a separate Highway Supervisor.

The Highway Supervisor of Blackford County has general supervision of the repair of all highways, birdges, and culverts of the county, It is his duty to see that the mail routes are kept open. He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (Acts, 1933; Burns, 36-1101 to 36-1109).

180. BLACKFORD COUNTY, not dated. 1 map.
Political, communications map, showing townships, cities and towns, railroads, highways, streams, and points of interest. Drawn by Hartford City News Co. Printed, black and white, mounted, and framed. Scale not given 36 x 43. C.C., Highway Superintendent's office.

181. FREIGHT BILL AND DELIVERY ORDERS, 1926. 1 file box.
Record of paid freight bills and delivery orders for materials shipped for road construction, showing date, tonnage, rate, frieght cost, and date paid. Arranged chronologically. 16 x 3 x 5. C.C., Highway Superintendent's office.

182. HIGHWAY EXPENSES, (BILLS ALLOWED), 1922-24. 1 vol.
Record of invoices submitted for materials purchased, showing date, name of vendor, amount purchased, and unit cost. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 275 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. C.C., Highway Superintendent's office.

183. MONTHLY EXPENSE ACCOUNT, 1926-33. 4 vols.
Record of apyrolls and cost of material, showing names of men, wages, supplies, cost, and bills. Arranged numerically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. C.C., Highway Superintendent's office.

184. HIGHWAY MONTHLY REPORT SHEETS, 1935--. 1 steel file box.
Record of highway expenditures, showing pay rolls, expenses, condition of road funds, sand and gravel hauled, tar, asphalt, oil bought, and truck expenses. Arranged chronologically. 16 x 3 x 5. C.C., Highway Superintendent's office. For later record, see item 183.

185. RECORD, 1914-32. 5 vols. (1-5).
Record of expenditures for repairs, showing names of employers, dates, from whom purchases were made, labor performed, materials purchased, and number of district. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed from. 250 pp. 17 x 16 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. C.C., Highway Superintend'ts office.

186. YEARLY CASH BALANCE, 1931-33. 1 vol.
Record of annual appropriations and disbursements, showing expenses, amount appropriated, amount bought, amount spent, and balance in cash fund. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 10 x $1\frac{1}{4}$. C.C., Highway Superintendent's office.

The Recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election, and is not eligible to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts, 1901; Burns 49-3201).

It is his duty to enter upon the books of his office at the time they are executed, all satisfactions, cancellations, and assignments, of what ever kinds, attest the release of mortgages, leases, or other instruments required by law to be recorded in Blackford County, to keep special records of cemetery deeds, cemetery associations, farm names, chattel mortgages, and miscellaneous instruments. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855, 1875 Special Session, 1905, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1927 and 1931; Burns 49-3203 to 49-3235 /11923-11953/).

Deeds

187. DEED RECORD, 1837--. 67 vols. (AA, A-Z, 1-40).
Record of deeds, showing names of grantee, grantor, dates, description of land, amount of consideration, and affidavits. Indexed alphabetically by grantee and grantor. 1837-99, handwritten; 1899--, typed. 425 pp. 15 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

188. DEEDS, (GRANTOR), GENERAL INDEX OF, 1839--. 9 vols. (1-7 and 2 vols. not numbered).
Index showing grantor, grantee, kind of deed, date, amount of consideration, description, location of land, date of recording, book, and page number of deed record. Indexed alphabetically by grantor. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

189. DEEDS, (GRANTEE) GENERAL INDEX OF, 1839--. 9 vols. (1-7 and 2 vols. not numbered).
Index showing grantee, grantor, kind of deed, date, amount of consideration, description and location of land, date of recording, book and page number of deed recorded. Indexed alphabetically by grantee. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

190. CEMETERY RECORD, 1926--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of deeds for purchase of cemetery lots, showing names of grantor and grantee, description of lot, date of deed and record, amount of consideration, and affidavits. Indexed alphabetically by grantee. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's office.

191. TAX TITLE DEEDS, GENERAL INDEX OF, 1900-04. 1 vol.
Index to tax title deeds, showing names of parties, date, amount, consideration, descriptions of land or lots, book and page reference to deed record. Arranged alphabetically by owner. Handwritten on printed form. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's office.

Fees

192. CASH BOOK, 1898--. 9 vols. (1-9).
Record of fees received for recording instruments, showing date of entry, serial number, Recorder's due for each kind of instrument, total receipts, and money disbursed. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., v. 1-7, 1898-1930, Recorder's north room; v. 8-9, 1931--, Recorder's main office.

Maps and Plats

193. BLACKFORD, not dated. 1 map.
Political communications map showing townships, towns, roads, rivers, railroads, farms, churches, and reservations. Published at Hartford City, Ind., by Hartford City News. Printed, black and white. No scale given. 40 x 33. C.C., Recorder's office.

194. HARTFORD CITY, 1933. 1 map.
Political communications map showing plat of hartford City, giving streets, railroads, rivers, and names of additions. Drawn by H.K. Morrison. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 20 rods. 42 x 36. C.C., Recorder's north room.

195. PLAT BOOK, 1854--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of town plats and additions, showing surveys, and giving description of lots, streets, alleys, lot numbers, and plat markers. Indexed alphabetically by plat name. Handwritten. 250 pp. 18 x 19 x 2. C.C., Recorder's north room.

196. TRACT BOOK, 1836-53. 3 vols.
Record of lands bought from Federal Government, showing description, acreage, price, amount, name of purchaser, kind of land, date of entry, and number of receipt. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. C.C., Recorder's north room.

Mortgages

197. CHATTEL MORTGAGE MINUTE BOOK, 1935~~00~~. 1 vol.
Record of chattel mortgages filed with Recorder, showing number of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, and date due. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's main office.
For earlier record, see entry 198.

198. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1877--. 24 vols. (2-25). v1, prior to 1877 missing.
Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of chattels mortgaged, and date of maturity. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagee and mortgagor. 1877-1927, handwritten on printed form; 1927~~00~~, typed on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3½. C.C., v., 2-20, 1877-1927, Recorder's record room; v., 21-25, 1927--, Recorder's main office.

199. CHATTEL MORTGAGE FILE, 1935--. 1 file box.
Record of chattel mortgage documents filed as a means of record until released by mortgagor, showing name of mortgagee, mortgagor, serial number, amount of mortgage, and description of property. Arranged alphabetically by mortgagee and mortgagor. 27 x 17 x 11½. C.C., Recorder's private office.

200. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECEIPTS, REGISTER OF, 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of Recorder's receipts issued to mortagagee at time of presenting mortgage to Recorder, showing date, from whom mortgage was received, and amount. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 2. C.C., Recorder's private office.

201. DITCH LIEN RECORD, 1927--. 1 vol.
Record of ditch liens recorded to insure payments of assessments, showing name of land owner assessed, amount of benefit, estimated assessment, reduced assessment, and dates of release. Indexed alphabetically by land owner. Typed. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's main office.

202. MECHANICS LIEN RECORD, 1874-93. 2 vols. (2 vols. numbered 1).
Record of mechanics' liens, showing by whom made, against whom, description of property, and amounts. Indexed alphabetically by person filing lien. Handwritten. Condition fair. 430 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's north room.

203. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1839--. 48 vols. (A-Z, 1-22).
Record of mortgages, showing names, amount, date of mortgage, affidavit, record, and release. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagee and mortgagor. v.AZ-, 1-4; handwritten; v. 5-22, 1899--, styped. 575 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., v. A-Z, 1-19, 1851-1932, Recorder's north room; v. 20-22, 1932--, Recorder's main office.

204. MORTGAGES, GENERAL INDEX OF, 1839--. 11 vols. (2 sets, 1-5 and 1 vol. not numbered).
Index of mortgages, showing name of mortgagee, mortgagor, kind of instrument, date, amount, description and location of land, date recorded, when satisfied, book and page number of record. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's north room.

205. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1864--. 5 vols. (A-E).
Record of school rund mortgages, showing name of mortgagee, mortgagor, description of land, amount involved, date, and affidavits. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagee and mortgagor. 1864-99, handwritten on printed form; 1899--, typed. 580 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's north room.

206. SIRES LIEN RECORD, 1891-1905, 1 vol.
Record of liens to protect owner of sire for payments due for stallion service, showing date, names of owners of stallion and mare, and gurantee of colt to stand and suck. Indexed alphabetically by owner of sire. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., v. 12-20, 1877-1927, Recorder's record room; v. 21-25, 1927--, Recorder's main office.

Registers

207. EAR MARKS AND BRANDS, RECORD OF, 1839-80, 1 vol.
Record of marks and brands officially recorded, showing name of live stock owner, description of marks, and date received. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. Condition poor. 150 pp. 12 x 7 x 1. C.C., Recorder's north room.

208. ENTRY BOOK, 1845--. 12 vols. (A-L).
Record of instruments recorder, showing date, kind of instrument, book and page reference, where recorded, and amount of fees collected by records. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 18 x 2½. C.C., 10 vols. A-J, 1845-1930, Recorder's north room; 2 vols. K-L, 1930--, Recorder's main office.

209. FARM NAMES, REGISTER OF, 1913-23. 1 vol.
Record of farm names officially recorded, showing date of registration, name of owner, name and description of farm land. Indexed alphabetically by owner and farm. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 8 x 12 x 1½. C.C., Recorder's main office.

210. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1869--. 29 vols. (1-29).
Record of oil leases, affidavits of claims, mechanics liens, and all contracts filed with Recorder, showing names of parties of first and second part. Indexed alphabetically by parties of first part. 1869-99, handwritten on printed form; 1899--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 19 vols., 1869-99, Recorder's north room; 10 vols., 20-29, 1899--, Recorder's main office.

211. PRIVATE PAPERS, DEPOSITORY OF, 1920--, 4 file boxes. Record of deeds, mortgages, contracts and documents to be recorded and left in Recorder's office, to be called for later. Arranged alphabetically. 16 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. C.C., Recorder's main office.

212. SOLDIERS DISCHARGE RECORD, 1926--. 1 vol. Record of soldiers discharge, showing name, date, final payments, bonus due, transportation allowed, and hunting and fishing permits granted. Indexed alphabetically by soldier. Handwritten and typed. 580 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Recorder's north room.

Blackford County has an annual board for the review of assessments and the equalization of the valuation of real and personal property. The Board is composed of the Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court. The Assessor is the president and the Auditor is the secretary of the board. (Acts 1919, 64-1201, [14202], 69-1205 [14208]).

From 1881 to 1919 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a County Board of Equalization consisting of the County Commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (Acts 1881, pp. 611). The law of 1919 superseded this act and renamed the body the Board of Review.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the rate per cent to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. The board also has the power, in proper cases, to correct the valuation of any particular tract or lot. (Acts 1919, ibid.).

If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high or too low or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or township, or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (Acts 1919, ibid).

213. RECORD, 1891--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of minutes of proceedings, showing date of meeting, lists of property valuation, names, addresses, description of property, assessed valuation, and signatures of board members. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

The Superintendent of Schools is elected by the township trustees for a four-year term. The candidate must have had five years' successful experience as a teacher in the public schools, and at the time of his election he must hold a superintend's license. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Acts 1889, 1911, 1913, and 1927; Burns 28-702 [6507]).

The Superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Blackford County. He visits schools while they are in session, conducts teachers' institutes, and calls meeting of teachers of Blackford County schools once each month in the school year. His jurisdiction is limited to unincorporated communities. He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration. Official records of other county officers shall be open to his inspection, and he shall bring suit against them for neglect of duty. He presides over the county Board of Education and receives applications for school aid relief. (Acts 1933; Burns 28-901 to 28-911).

Children

214. BIRTH RECORD, TRANSCRIPT OF, 1927--. 1 file box.
Transcripts of birth record, showing name of child, names of parents, date and place of birth. Arranged alphabetically by child. 26 x 13½ x 11½. C.C., Superintendent's office.

215. ENUMERATION FIELD SHEETS, 1922--. 2 boxes.
School enumeration sheets taken by trustee, showing names and ages of pupils, names of parents, and date of census. Arranged alphabetically by child. 12 x 8 x 6. C.C., Superintendent's office.

216. EXAMINATION STATISTICS, 1930--. 1 file box.
Semi-annual reports of examinations of all grades in elementary school, showing names of pupils in each class, grades made in each subject, and average grade of examination. Arranged chronologically. 26 x 13 x 11¼. C.C., Superintendent's office.

217. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, RECORD OF, 1911--. 1 vol.
Register of pupils graduating from high schools, showing name of graduate, address, subjects studied, grades made each semester, date graduated, books read during terms, and name of school attended. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 500 pp. 11 x 9 x 2. C.C., Superintendent's office.

218. PUPIL'S RECORD, CUMULATIVE, 1931--. 1 file drawer.
Record of individual pupils, showing name and address of pupil and parents, date of birth, what school attended, date pupil entered, attendance and scholarship record. Arranged alphabetically by school and pupil. 26 x 13 x 11. C.C., Superintendent's office.

Proceedings and Reports

219. SCHOOL FUNDS AND THEIR CONDITION, COMMISSIONER'S REPORT OF 1922--. 1 file box.
Record of Congressional Township fund, showing amount held in trust, amount received, total amount, elementary school fund, amounts of various receipts, and totals. Arranged chronologically. 9 x 4 x 3. C.C., Superintendent's office.

220. APPORTIONMENT, SCHOOL REVENUE FOR, 1922--. 1 file box.
Record of common and congressional school funds held in trust, showing amount of principal in each fund, and interest collected. Arranged chronologically. 9 x 4 x 3. C.C., Superintendent's office.

221. SCHOOL REVENUE, DISTRIBUTION OF, 1922--. 2 file boxes.
Report of Auditor to School Superintendent on school revenue, showing distribution of allotments to each town and township from each levy, and total amounts. Arranged chronologically. 9 x 4 x 3. C.C., Superintendent's office.

Teachers

222. COMMON SCHOOL TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS, RECORD OF, 1898-1927. 3 vols.
Record of examinations of grade school teachers, showing date of examinations, names of teachers, address, age, grades of examinations, and length of time of license issued. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 14 x 8 x $1\frac{1}{4}$. C.C., Superintendent's office.

223. SUCCESS GRADES OF TEACHERS, 1927--. 1 file box.
Record of teachers' success grades, showing score of each point such as personality, preparation, teaching technique, achievement, management, co-operative professional attitude, extension work, and total score. Arranged alphabetically by teacher and school. 11 x 8 x 6. C.C., Superintendent's office.

224. TEACHERS LICENSE, REGISTER OF, 1921--. 1 vol.
Record of teachers' licenses, showing name of teacher, address, subjects, date of issue, time of license, serial number of license, and subjects teacher is qualified to teach. Arranged alphabetically by teacher. 300 pp. 9 x 8 x 1. C.C., Superintendent's office.

225. TEACHER RECORD, STANDARD INDIANA, 1931--. 1 file box.
Record of teachers' qualifications, showing teacher's name, address, kind of certificate, grade, date issued, date of expiration, serial number, subjects taught, school taught, years of service, success grades, training, and institution. Arranged alphabetically by teacher. 4 x 8 x $5\frac{1}{4}$. C.C., Superintendent's office.

226. TEACHERS REPORT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1927--. 3 file drawers.

Teacher's attendance and grade reports of pupils, showing name of school, name of teacher, names of pupils, daily report of classes, times absent or tardy, and grades of each pupil. Arranged chronologically. 20 x 20 x 12. C.C., Superintendent's office.

SHERIFF

The Sheriff is a constitutional officer chosen for a two-year period and is not eligible to hold office more than four years in any period of six years. He is a political officer, nominated by primary and elected in the regular election. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2901 [11858]).

The Sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Blackford County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felons; and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is his duty also to protect persons in danger from mobs and possible lynchings. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2808 [11859-11865]).

Executions

227. DOCKET, 1856--. 14 vols. 1865-70, missing.
Court Docket showing names of attorneys, names of parties to action, return of officer, names of jurors, names of witness, and fees. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., 1 vol., 1856-64, Clerk's office; 11 vols., 1871-1922, "bum" room; 2 vols., 1923--, Sheriff's office.

228. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1885--. 4 vols.
Record of execution of judgment, showing notices and place of posting, names of parties, date of issue, kind of writ, amount of damages, interest, costs, totals, date of judgment, and to whom delivered. Cross-indexed alphabetically by plaintiff and defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., 3 vols., 1885-1904, "bum" room; 1 vol., 1904--, Sheriff's office.

Fees

229. CASH BOOK, 1893--. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol not numbered).
Record of money received, showing date received, cause number, name of court, receipt number, check number, from whom received, receipts from all sources, and nature of service. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3x. C.C., 1 vol. not numbered, 1893-1924, "bum" room; v. 2, 1925--, Sheriff's office.

230. FOREIGN FEE BOOK, 1902--. 1 vol.
Record of Sheriff's fees in securing writs for other counties, showing name of county from which fees are due, nature of writ, when received, when served, when returned, and amount of fees. Indexed alphabetically by county. Handwritten on printed form. 585 pp. 18 x13x 3. C.C., Sheriff's office.

231. AUTO LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED, 1936--. 1 file box.
Drivers' licenses for automotive vehicles suspended or revoked, showing name of owner, license plate numbers, kind of vehicle, certificate number, and address of owner. Arranged alphabetically by licensee. 12 x 12 x 5½. C.C., Sheriff's office.

232. CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1911--. 2 file boxes
Certificates of sale of property sold by order of court, showing date of certificate, date of judgment, amount of judgment, amount of costs, total to be paid, notice of sale, and date of sale. Arranged chronologically. 12 x 12 x 5½. C.C., Sheriff's office.

233. MILEAGE RECORD, 1930--. 1 vol.
Record of mileage kept by Sheriff for serving court writs, showing title of cause, to whom papers were served, and number of miles. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 13 x 9 x 1½. C.C., Sheriff's office.

234. POULTRY BUYERS, REPORT OF, 1935--. 1 file box.
Reports of poultry dealers for identification of poultry bought, showing date poultry was bought, from whom, number of fowls and kind of breed, signature of seller, and his auto license number. Arranged chronologically. 12 x 12 x 5½. C.C., Sheriff's office.

235. TERM WARRANTS UNSERVED, 1929-32. 1 file box.
Bench warrants of Circuit Court for the arrest of persons failing to appear, showing name of party wanted, date he was supposed to appear, remarks of sheriff, and nature of charge. Arranged chronologically. 12 x 12 x 5½. C.C., Sheriff's office.

SURVEYOR

The Surveyor, or county engineer as he is sometimes known, is a constitutional officer, nominated by primary and elected in the general election of two years. He may be re-elected indefinitely. He must give bond in a sum fixed by the Board of County Commissioners. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301 [11954]).

The Surveyor performs all duties required of him as civil engineer in the work of Blackford County, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and general supervision of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, ditches, drains, and levees. He establishes boundaries of farms and lots, and takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for conveyance of real estate. He removes, after examination, the obstruction of any stream, and institutes foreclosure actions for sums due in the county. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts, 1875, 1895, 1901, 1911, 1925, and 1933; Burns 36-1110, 49-3308 to 49-3317 [11961-11970], 40-3319 to 49-3322 [11972-11975], and 49-3327 to 49-3328 [11990-11991]).

Bridges, Ditches, and Roads

236. BLACKFORD COUNTY, DRAINAGE SYSTEMS OF, not dated. 6 maps. Physical maps, showing sections and drainage systems. Drawn by Lewis Smith. Published by Surveyor. Blueprint and black and white tracing. 26½ x 27½. C.C., Surveyor's office.

237. BLACKFORD COUNTY, not dated, 17 maps. Political and communications maps, showing township lines, section lines, townships, sections, roads, rivers, railroads, farms, churches, schools, cemeteries, section number, locations of towns, and all roads. 1 tracing, 15 blueprints; 24 x 24; 7 blueprints, 34 x 34. 1 map, draftsman unknown. Published by Hartford City News, Hartford City, Ind. Scale 1½" to 1 mile; 24 x 33. C.C., Surveyor's office.

238. BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION, 1875-1930. 1 file box. Record of estimates, claims, viewer's reports, petitions, receipts, and specifications, showing name of bridge, locations, and costs. Arranged chronologically. 15 x 10 x 5. C.C., Surveyor's office.

239. DITCH ASSESSMENT RECORD, 1905--. 2 vols. numbered 1. Record of ditch assessments, showing name of owner of assessed land, amount paid each month, total amount, and dates of payments. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Surveyor's office.

240. DITCHES, CONTRACTS AND BONDS OF, 1906-09. 1 file box.
Records of bonds and articles of agreement and contracts of contractors to repair or construct ditches, showing name of ditch, amount of contract and date work is to be completed. Arranged chronologically. 15 x 10 x 5. C.C., Surveyor's office.

241. (DRAINAGE PETITIONS AND REPORTS). 1872--. 13 file boxes.
Record of petitions for drains, estimates of costs, specifications, notices, reports of damages, benefits, transcripts of assessments, and paid bills for labor and material, showing name of ditch, petitioner, date of notices, location, and articles of documents. Arranged chronologically. 15 x 10 x 5. C.C., Surveyor's office.

242. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1886--. 6 vols. (1-5 and 2 vols. numbered 1).
Record of ditches to be cleaned, showing amount of apportionments, to whom made, description of land, amount of benefits, and manner of work to be done. Indexed alphabetically by land owners. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 1½. C.C., Surveyor's office.

243. ROAD REPORTS AND SPECIFICATIONS, 1912-17. 1 file box.
Records of petitions for new roads or repairs, together with engineers' estimates and specifications, showing name of petitioners, proposed locations, and estimated costs. Arranged chronologically. 15 x 10 x 5. C.C., Surveyor's office.

Surveys

244. FIELD NOTES, 1819-23. 1 vol.
Transcript of State Auditor's records at the State House in Indianapolis, of each township or part of township subdivided into sections, showing descriptions of survey, including corners, lines, marks, posts, stones, trees, and distances, according to U.S. Government Surveys. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. Condition fair. 175 pp. 14 x 10 x 1. C.C., Surveyor's office.

245. PLAT BOOK, 1869--. 2 vols.
Record of land surveys and plats of each section, showing names of land owners, number of acres, descriptions and locations of corners and lines, also date of survey. Indexed alphabetically by land owner. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Surveyor's office.

246. PLAT BOOK, (US GOVERNMENT SURVEY), 1822-23. 1 vol.
Copy of records in the Auditor's office at State House in Indianapolis, certified by Auditor, showing maps of townships and part of townships, township lines, range numbers according to surveys of U.S. Government. No index. Handwritten. Condition poor. 50 pp. 18 x 13 x ½. C.C., Surveyor's office.

247. RECORD, 1891-1932. 7 vols. (1-7).
Detailed record of all surveys, showing field notes, sketches, drawings, blueprints, and legal descriptions of lands and tracts. Indexed alphabetically by drain. 1891, handwritten; 1892-1932, typed on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. C.C., Surveyor's office.

The Treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election. He is required to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during the term. (Indiana Const., Art, 6, Sec. 1).

The Treasurer receives all money coming to Blackford County and disburses the same on the proper orders. He keeps fee books and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the Auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the Auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the Auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the fees, sells all property found on any dead body remaining unclaimed for sixty days, and diverts to the State the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1853; Burns 49-3103 to 49-3117 [1906-1920]).

248. DAILY BALANCE, 1909--. 9 vols.
Record of receipts and cash on hand, and cash in bank at close of each day, receipts classified by taxing unit, showing amounts of current and delinquent taxes, amount of each day's deposits. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., 3 vols., 1909-22, "bum" room, 6 vols., 1922--, Treasurer's office.

249. MONTHLY BALANCE RECORD, 1913-25. 2 vols.
Register of monthly balance of each fund, showing balance at first of month, total receipts during month, to what account or fund, disbursements during month, total receipts, disbursements, and balance. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 220 pp. 18 x 16 x 1½. C.C., "bum" room.

250. DITCH BOND RECORD, 1916--. 3 vols.
Record of ditch bonds amortized for collections, showing date installments due, interest, amount delinquent, penalty, total amount, date of payment, and amount paid. Arranged alphabetically by ditches and parties assessed. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 25 x 2½. C.C., Treasurer's office.

251. JOURNAL OF ORDERS AND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1844-70. 1 vol.
Journal of receipts and disbursements, showing from whom received, amount, to what fund credited, to what fund charged. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. Condition poor. 400 pp. 13 x 8 x 2½. C.C., Treasurer's office.

252. LEDGER, 1846-62. 1 vol.
Record of cash received and disbursed, showing page reference to journal from which amounts have been posted, including salaries, supplies, and all accounts. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. 200 pp. 13 x 9 x 2. C.C., "bum" room.

253. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, RECORDS OF, 1926--. 6 vols., (2-4, and 3 vols. not numbered).
Record of appropriations and distribution of expenditures, showing amounts appropriated to each account, date of warrants, to whom issued, to what appropriation charged, and balance. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 17 x 20 x 3. C.C., v. 2-4, 1916-25, "bum" room; 3 vols., not numbered, 1925--, Treasurer's office.

254. RECEIPTS, (OTHER THAN TAXES), REGISTER OF, 1864--. 12 vols. 1871-80, 1895-1911, missing.
Record of receipts from all sources, showing from whom received, amount, date, to what account charged, expenditures, to whom order issued, and amount. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. C.C., 6 vols., 1864-1912, "bum" room; 6 vols., 1912--, Treasurer's office.

255. RECEIPTS, RECORD OF, 1865--. 80 vols. 1879-1906, missing Title varies.
"Record of cash book for the reception of taxes collected, showing from whom received, duplicate number, taxing unit, amount of taxes, whether current or delinquent, date paid, and total collected each day. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 18 x 2½. C.C., 73 vols., 1865-1924, "bum" room; 7 vols., 1925--, Treasurer's office.

256. RECEIPTS AND SALE OF INTANGIBLE TAX STAMPS, RECORD OF, 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of intangible tax stamps received and sold, showing date, consignment number, receipt number, quantity of stamps by denominations, number of stamps on hand at start of period, amount received, and number sold. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 50 pp. 18 x 16 x ½. C.C., Treasurer's office.

257. INHERITANCE TAX RECEIPT, 1914--. 1 vol.
Register of inheritance tax, showing date, cause number, name of deceased, name of heirs or administrator that paid tax, date of death, amount of tax, discount, interest, and total amount. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 10 x 26 x 2. C.C. Treasurer's office.

258. RECEIPTS OF DELINQUENT TAXES, REGISTER OF, 1842-71. 1 vol.
Record of delinquent taxes received, showing date or receipts, number of receipt, name of tax payer, on what account paid, amount paid to State, county road and school, total amount paid. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. Condition poor. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., "bum" room.

259. CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS, JOURNAL OF, 1852-70. 1 vol.
Record of receipts and disbursements of school funds, showing date, number of receipt, name of person paying or receiving, receipts of interest, by whom paid, amount, to whom paid, and for what purpose. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 1½. C.C., "bum" room. For earlier and later records, see entry 32.

260. CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS, LEDGER OF, 1852-70. 1 vol.
Record of common and congressional school funds, showing total amount of interest received each month, and all other receipts of school funds, amount of orders issued, and balance. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 1½. C.C., "bum" room. For earlier and later records, see entry 32.

261. CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND ORDERS, REGISTER OF, 1852-72. 1 vol.
Record of all school fund orders, showing date and number of order, in whose favor drawn, on what account paid, township, range, section numbers, amount of order, and remarks. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. C.C., "bum" room. For earlier and later records, see entry 32.

262. CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND, REGISTER OF RECEIPTS OF, 1852-72. 1 vol.
Record of school fund receipts, showing from whom received, amount of receipt, and remarks; record also used for common school, grocery, and liquor license, fines, tuition revenue, and special school fund receipts. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition fair. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. C.C., "bum" room. For earlier and later records, see entry 32.

263. DITCH DUPLICATE, 1906-16. 1 vol.
Record of taxes collected for the repair and construction of ditches, showing names of land owners, legal description of lands assessed, amount assessed, date of payment, amount delinquent, penalty, interest, and total tax to pay. Arranged alphabetically by parties assessed. Handwritten on printed form. 150 pp. 18 x 15 x 1½. C.C., "bum" room.

264. DITCH REPAIR DUPLICATE, 1884-1912. 3 vols.
Record of taxes assessed for ditch repairs, showing name of ditch, owner land land or lots assessed, cost of repairs, material, labor, total cost and assessment. Arranged alphabetically by land owners. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

265. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1932--. 1 vol.
Record of property taxes on which moratorium was declared, allowing legal delay of payment without penalties, showing name, description of property amount due, penalty dropped, 4% addition, and amount due on each installment. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Treasurer's south room.

266. TAX DUPLICATE, 1841--. 191 vols. (104, marked by year and 93 vols. not numbered). 1843-46, missing.
Record of property tax assessments, collection or delinquency, showing name of owner, value, improvements, value of personal property, amount of current tax and delinquent tax, exemptions, rate of tax, and net form. 312 pp. 16 x 24 x 2. C.C., 62 vols., 1847, 1850-59, 1861-63, 1874, 1876-83, 1888, 1892-1905, 1910-12, "bum" room; 3 vols., 1841-42, 1864-74, 1889-91, 1903-09, Auditor's office; 98 vols., 1911--, Treasurer's private office.

267. INSOLVENT RECORD, 1905-34. 1 vol.
Record of insolvent taxes, showing name of tax payer, years taxes overdue, amount of taxes, and reason taxes cannot be collected. Indexed alphabetically by taxpayer. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Treasurer's main office.

268. INSOLVENT OR DOUBTFUL TAXPAYERS, GENERAL INDEX OF, 1878-96. 1 vol.
Index to insolvent record, showing duplicate number, name of tax payer, page reference to insolvent record, amount of taxes unpaid. Arranged alphabetically by tax payer. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. C.C., "bum" room.

269. INSOLVENT OR DOUBTFUL TAX PAYERS, 1878-96. All vols. missing.
Insolvent or doubtful tax payers, showing name and amount of taxes unpaid.

270. INHERITANCE TAX RECEIPTS, 1925--. 2 file boxes.
Record of receipts issued for inheritance tax payments, showing name of deceased, heir or person paying tax, amount of property, tax, and amount paid. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10½. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

271. PAID TAX DUPLICATE SLIPS, 1933--. 3 bins.
Record of paid tax receipts, showing duplicate numbers, amount of tax, name of tax payer, description of property, value, amount, and date of payment. Arranged chronologically. 20 x 20 x 24. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

272. CANCELLED CHECKS, 1926--. 11 file boxes.
Record of cancelled checks, showing to whom issued, amount, and date. Arranged numberically by check. 13 x 5 x 10½. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

273. STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS, REPORTS, 1925--. 1 file box.
Record of ~~ad~~ audits, showing funds and balances, cash receipts, disbursements, date audit was made, and name of examiners. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10½. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

274. APPLICATION TO PAY, 1935--. 1 file box.
Record of application of Auditor to pay Treasurer money after deducting Clerk's fees, docket fees, and jury fees. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10½. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

275. WARRANTS AND RECORD OF DEPOSITORIES, REGISTER OF WARRANTS REDEEMED, REGISTER OF, 1913--. 5 vols.
Record of warrants and balance of deposits, showing date presented, name of depository, number and amount of warrants, amount of deposit, name of appropriation charged to, and number of disbursement record. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3½. C.C., 1 vol., 1913-18, "bum" room: 4 vols., 1918--, Treasurer's private office.

276. QUIETUS FROM AUDITOR OF STATE, 1929--. 2 file boxes.
Record of money paid to State, showing receipt and final settlement statement, date, and amount of each fund. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10½. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

277. AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1931--. 1 file box.
Record of money paid to townships, county and State, showing date, name of fund paid to, from what account, amount, and total paid out. Arranged chronologically. 13 x 5 x 10½. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

278. AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF ERRORS, 1929--. 1 file box.
Record of Auditor's errors, showing double taxation or assessment on personal property, estates, real estate, or polls, persons erroneously charged, and nature of error. No index. 13 x 5 x 10½. C.C., Treasurer's private office.

TURNPIKE DIRECTORS

The County Commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an Act of 1879. The management and control of all free turnpikes in the county were vested in the board. The county was divided into three districts, and each director had personal supervision of one district. They had the power to appoint suitable persons to superintend the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon lands to take gravel and to give certificates of payments; and to appoint a clerk of the board. (Acts 1879).

An Act of 1905 superseded the Act of 1879 and all its amendments, which did not materially change the functions of the turnpike directors. (Acts 1905).

An Act passed in 1913 repealed the Act of 1905 and abolished the turnpike directors as an administrative board, transferring their jurisdiction to the Board of Commissioners, with authority, at their discretion, to appoint a Superintendent of Highways (q.v.) in counties having more than two hundred miles of highway. In event the Board of Commissioners does not make such appointment, and in all other counties, the Surveyor exercised such supervision. (Acts 1913).

279. RECORD, 1881-99. 1 vol.
Records of minutes of meetings, showing action on petitions for repqirs of gravel roads, name of road, kind of work to be done, and estimate of cost. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's main office.

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